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AN HONORABLE PARTNERSHIP

This issue of The Southwestern Railway Journal carries the name of J. S. Myers, at its masthead, who becomes a full partner in the ownership of this Journal. And that is not all the improvement which will interest our readers, but The Journal will be issued hereafter, and from "now on," as a semi-monthly medium reaching its readers the first of the month and the fifteenth of the month, each month of the year, and while one copy will be issued and printed in Fort Worth, and the other copy from Houston, each will be absolutely independent for itself, new stuff in each number of each issue and will carry its number consectively beginning with this January 1st, 1925 issue, which is Volume XIX, Number 1, and the Houston issue will carry Volume XIX, Number 2, and so on, which represent two issues a month to our readers, those who read it this month, and those who may be added to its subscription books "from now on."

Bro. Myers will write his own expressions, in his own way, for the first issue of The Journal from Houston, and will carry the same in that num-, which should reach our readers 'round 'about the 20th of each month, beginning with the January number, carrying date of January 15th, and what he may say to our readers will be, we are certain, the same loyalty to our people that The Journal has attempted to present during the past Eighteen years of its existence, and that our readers can depend upon service, especially, to our legislative work, and with the same independent policies it has heretofore followed. Bro. Myers will give his entire time to The Journal at Houston, and as well, the Fort Worth Journal, and if our readers and friends will only back The Journal, not for the good of its editors and owners, for because of the real service it will give them, it can be made one of the strongest agencies in the Southwest for the needed and long due reforms that our people so justly deserve, and for which they have been contesting the ground for many years. Accept our very best wishes for the New Year to all, and help The Journal and The Journal will pay you four-fold in return.

The time to organize Farm Labor Political Conferences in every county in Texas is today, and every day from now until a strong working organization becomes a real beauty. Only by compact organization can we succeed.

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION WANTED REGARDING LEGISLATION

Your attention is called to an article in this issue, on page eight, relative to a bill to be introduced in January for the consideration of the 39th legislature, providing for the garnishment of wages in Texas. Read that article carefully and take action promptly, because of the importance of the question to YOU.

FREEDOM AND FINGERPRINTS

A bill has been introduced in the United States Congress for the registration of aliens so that the government can keep tabs on them. So far as we have seen it does not specifically provide for finger-printing the aliens, but it might just about as well. Once we should have called a measure like this Prussianism and laughed it out of court but now we shall have to fight it. It is not necessary, it is not called for by any existing evils, it is a dangerous form of espionage. It will multiply the number of Paul Prys and increase the spirit of spying. It will tend to make us forget that aliens are humans like ourselves. There is nothing in the bill itself or the spirit behind it to suggest, as some apologists are inclined to do, that it will be used in a kindly, tolerant, or helpful fashion. Labor especially ought to be on its guard. Men keen for this legislation in their secret heart would like to apply it to American workers so as to keep them in order too. The time to stop this business is at the beginning.—Norman Thomas.

The Howell-Barkley Bill, which seeks to take away from the Labor Board its present autocratic powers, that it claims, will be pushed for passage during the short term of Congress, and any of you who address your Congressman and United States Senators, remind them of that bill, and respectfully urge them to support it, for it means much to railway labor of the nation.

Wall Street is selling their old rusty stocks and bonds to the "suckers" now, but after they close 'em out, they go back to the old price again. How easy it is after we are told that great prosperity is just around the corner, to sell us the gold bricks. Easy enough, when you know how.

What is "state's rights," compared with child life? Humanity first with this Journal, state's rights afterward.

ELECTED PRESIDENT A. F. L.

William Green, Treasurer of the United Mine Workers and former vice president of the A. F. of L. has been chosen as president of the American Federation of Labor to succeed Sam Gompers, deceased.

Mr. Green had served several years with Mr. Gompers and is rated as a prominent representative of organized labor, and especially in his home state, Ohio. The Journal expresses the sincere hope that he may be successful in the important position to which he has been elected by his associates, the National Council of the A. F. of L., and that organized labor may progress under his tenure of office.

We have about 200 copies of the history of the legislative movement in Texas, from 1889 to 1909, inclusive, written and prepared for publication by T. P. O'Rourke, deceased, that we can furnish for 25c per copy.

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The first issue dated January 1st, Fort Worth, Texas; and the second issue dated January 15th at Houston, Texas; and we are asking our readers to look out for The Journal twice each month and pass judgment, and if it suits YOU, we wouldn't mind you saying as much.

LARGE SUGAR PROFITS

New York, Dec. 27.—The annual report of the Fajardo sugar company of Porto Rico shows a net profit of $1,344,511, after all expenses and charges for interest and depreciation are paid. This is a gain of $120,000 over the previous year.

The mills of the company are operated along the same debasing lines as other Porto Rico sugar plants. Low wages, long hours and poor working conditions are the rule.

PUBLIC INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Division 57 Order Railway Conductors and the Ladies' Auxiliary No. 106 of the O. R. C., held a joint installation of their officers Wednesday evening, December 31, at I. O. O. F. Hall.

Mrs. G. W. Weiler, Grand Officer of this district in a very capable manner installed the officers of the Ladies Auxiliary. Mrs. W. R. Bell as president received the Grand President, Mrs. Weiler and Grand Marshall, Mrs. J. J. Sullivan, Mrs. J. J. Robertson, acting Grand Senior Sister, Mrs. Ara Stewart, acting Grand Secretary.

The following officers were installed: President, Mrs. B. R. Bennett; Vice President, Mrs. Jas. A. Coker; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. W. N. Foster; Senior Sister, Mrs. J. F. Ingram; Junior Sister, Mrs. F. E. Davis; Guard Mrs. C. B. Trent; Chairman Executive Committee, Mrs. C. B. Smith; 1st Member, Mrs. H. C. Dobbs; 2nd Member, Mrs. Commander; Correspondent, Mrs. G. F. Stubbs; Insurance Secretary, Mrs. Ada B. Richards; Musician, Mrs. S. Strode. Delegate Grand Division, Mrs. B. R. Bennett; Alternate, Mrs. J. A. Coker.

Link officers, Charity, Mrs. C. N. Plumb; Truth, Mrs. Fred Velvin; Friendship, Mrs. H. H. Gregory; Banner Bearer, Mrs. Weiss; Color Bearers Mrs. Floyd Herring, Mrs. J. E. White, Mrs. S. Kraemer, Mrs. Ray Neal, Mrs. E. E. Shrake, Mrs. C. B. Smith, Mrs. Ed Brown, and Mrs. G. P. Harris.

Mr. G. W. Weiler was installing officer for Division 57, Mr. C. H. Plumb, Grand Marshall. The following officers were installed:

Chief Conductor, Mr. B. J. Fitzgerald; Assistant Chief Conductor, Mr. F. E. Davis; Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. M. S. Bogert; Senior Conductor, Mr. J. P. Amacker; Junior Conductor, Mr. J. F. Downing; Inside Sentinel, Mr. C. B. Smith; Outside Sentinel, Mr. Hodgson. Delegate to Grand Division, B. J. Fitzgerald; Alternate F. E. Davis.

At the conclusion of installations, refreshments were served. Dancing and other features of amusement were very much enjoyed until the advent of the New Year.

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CONVICT LEASING UPHELD BY COURT

Oklahoma City, Okla., Dec. 27.—The supreme court of this state has ruled that the proposed contract between the state board of affairs and the Cherokee manufacturing company is not a violation of the Oklahoma constitution which says: "The contracting of convict labor is hereby prohibited."

The court held that the contract sought to be entered into is not "contracting of convict labor." The board of affairs announces that it will immediately put the contract into effect.

Organized labor will continue its fight against this wrong. The workers' agitation forced the state to cancel a contract with the Reliance manufacturing company, the recognized prison labor trust of this country, which has contracts in several states for the manufacture of cheap shirts.

After the Reliance contract was abrogated, state officials signed another contract with the Cherokee concern, a dummy that has been set up by the Reliance corporation.

FAKE PATENT "LAWYERS"

Washington, Dec. 27.—In his annual report Commissioner of Patents Robertson called attention to fake patent "lawyers" in this city who advertise in magazines and who fleece investors of thousands of dollars every year. Because they are not registered these "lawyers" are not under the supervision of the patent office. A bill, pending in congress, would penalize non-registered "lawyers."

The Journal never dictates, but merely gives information you can depend on.

STATES' RIGHT VS. CHILDRENS' RIGHTS

I have been in Massachusetts where the manufacturers did such a magnificant job from their own point of view in getting a popular vote against the ratification of the Child Labor Amendment. In the process they have given themselves away pretty badly. Not long ago manufacturers in Massachusetts and other states with relatively advanced legislation were crying out that they were discriminated against by the competition of states with backward legislation. Now comes the Federal Amendment with the promise of equalization of the Child Labor Laws and the manufacturers become supporters of States' rights! The truth is, as one of them admitted, they have invested heavily in Southern cotton mills and profit by children. Moreover, they are afraid of any social legislation lest it be a precedent in favor of other advances.

They have won to themselves allies in farmers who are afraid that the amendment means that their children can't do the chores around the farm and in the Catholic Church which seems to favor any legislation with regard to children lest somehow or other it will lead to legislation affecting Parochial schools. These fears are quite groundless. Congress is given by the terms of the proposed amendment no powers that the State Legislatures do not now have and Congress is at least as dependable as the State Legislatures in representing the people's interest.

It is therefore amazing to find a paper like the New York World coming out against the amendment in the name of States' rights, local self-government and the possible dang r efno enforcability of a Federal law. Whether The World knows it or not, it is talking nonsense. For the Federal government to check child labor will not compel the Federal government to take from states power over the public schools, as The World alleges. The Federal government will do nothing of the sort unless the States woefully fail on their job. In which case we prefer children's rights to States' rights.

The World also fears bootleg evasion of the child labor amendment as of the prohibition amendment in regions where the law might be unpopular. The analogy is all wrong. There is no such popular and widespread demand for factory work for children as there is in some localities in liquor. Child labor is very much easier to control than bootlegging. Does The World forget that the Child Labor Laws were pretty effectively enforced without popular outcry before the Supreme Court declared them unconstitutional?

The moving power behind all this opposition to the Child Labor Amendment is selfish. It willingly contemplates the sacrifice of children to profit or ecclesiastical or political prejudice. The pity of it is that this evil motive has been so successfully camouflaged in the eyes of many people. Labor and all progressive organizations which stand foursquare for the amendment have their work cut out for them. They can win by a policy of agitation, education and organization. —Norman Thomas.

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Washington, Dec. 20.—The United States bureau of labor statistics reports increases in the following cities from October 15 to November 15:

Rochester, 3 per cent; Louisville, New Haven, New York, Norfolk, Portland, Me., and Washington, D. C., 2 per cent; Baltimore, Boston, Columbus Dallas, Fall River, Manchester, Milwaukee, Omaha, Richmond, St. Paul and Springfield, Ill., 1 per cent; Detroit, less than five-tenths of 1 per cent. In Charleston, S. C., there was a decrease of less than five-tenths of 1 per cent.

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ARE AMERICAN'S FARM CHILDREN TO BE VICTIMS OF EXPLOITERS?

Washington, Dec. 20.—"Industry is reaching out for farm children. Cotton mills, knitting mills, shoe factories and garment factories are moving into the smaller cities and the country towns. Labor is 'cheaper' in the country, because the potential 'labor supply' is unorganized and inexperienced in self-protection."

The above is part of a statement by United States Senator Capper of Kansas, who declares that "child labor becomes the farmer's problem not with reference to the work of his own children on his own farm, but with reference to their work in the factory."

Senator Capper points out that the new movement is one phase of the 'decentralization of industry' Henry Ford talks about—and Mr. Ford is himself building factories in the country in order, he says, to utilize farm labor in the winter time.

"The garment industries of New York are moving 'upstate'," Senator Capper said. "The textile industries of New England are moving south.

"How does this affect the farmer? It may bring markets nearer. But it is his children the factories are after. Does he realize what that means?

"Shall farm children work in factories without proper regulation? Or shall they be surrounded by the protection of limited hours and safeguarded against industrial hazards? Shall the experience of industrial states and the resulting industrial laws be extended to the agricultural areas? Or shall the farm children be left to the mercy of newly arrived manufacturing interests seeking to use them as "cheap' labor in competition with the protected labor of other states and communities?

"That this is one large aspect of the child labor problem in America today is clear from facts stated in a recent monthly summary of "The Agricultural Situation,' issued by the bureau of agricultural economics of the department of agriculture. Children under ten years of age in farm communities, says C. J. Galpin, in charge of the division of farm population and rural life, outnumber by 2.000,000 the children of any group of cities in the United States having a combined population equal to the total farm population."

Senator Capper's statement explains the feverish activity of opponents of the federal child labor amendment to enlist farmers against this proposal.

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Fortunately, most of the potential water power of the Nation is still in public hands. The greatest reservoirs of power are on the St. Lawrence and Niagara rivers in the East, at Muscle Shoals in the South and on the Colorado and Columbia rivers in the West.

In the early days of the west, before it was known that electricty could be generated from water power, rights to the use of water on streams running through public lands were freely given away for mining, agricultural, manufacturing and other purposes. The earliest hydro-electric projects in this country appear to have been built about the year 1890, a little more than a generation ago. Six years later legislation passed by congress empowered the Secretary of the Interior to issue permits for the generation of electrical power from streams on public lands and reservations. These permits, however, could be revoked at will. Various other bills were passed in later years, none of which, however, mentioned a specific time during which the owner could operate without having his licensed revoked by the government.

On June 10, 1920, during the late days of the administration of President Wilson, the Federal Water Power Act was approved. This act created a Federal Power Commission consisting of the Secretaries of War, Interior and Agriculture, with power to grant lincenses to private corporations for any period of time up to 50 years. If at the end of 50 years the government wished to take over the plant, it could do so, providing that it paid the private corporation a sum equal to the net investment in the properties. Among the conditions on which a license is granted under that act is that the company applying has complied with the laws of the state in which its plants are situated.—Norman Thomas.

(Note:) How our water power is being given away under this act will next be told.

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Eight months ago the hearts of the miners' families in the little coal town of Bergholz, Ohio, were filled with despair. Only black prospects of unemployment for months to come, with attendant hunger, distress and sickness could be seen. Their mine was closed down, and worse than that, in the hands of a receiver. Every day of idleness increased the debt and discouragement of these jobless men, while the mine properties continued to deteriorate. Savings of a lifetime, tied up in the miners' homes, would become valueless if the community's only industry were to be abandoned and the miners' families compelled to move away.

Today Bergholz has taken on new life and prosperity. With 110 miners working six days a week, winter holds not terrors and Christmas is to be the happiest and merriest Yule-tide observed in the community for years.

Co-operation was the magic key which opened the door for these miners to good jobs, health, comfortable homes and money in the bank. But co-operation did more than just provide work—it has given the Bergholz miners an inspiration, a positive goal for their labors and a rich reward for their faith in the value of co-operation. For the miners are earning more than wages each day; they are quickly coming into possession of their own mine. Soon it will be their property, and not a family in the little Ohio mining town will have to pay tribute to absentee mine owners and distant coupon clippers and profit takers. For the coal diggers will get the dividends themselves. The wealth of the mine will be theirs, with no toll levied by outside interests.

Buy Bankrupt Mine

It was on April 11th of this year, that the jobless miners incorporated the Goat Hill Mining Company to buy the bankrupt property which had formerly been their sole source of work. The trustee for the mine allowed the co-operative company to assume the mortgage debt, while the balance of the money needed to buy the mine was advanced by the Co-operative National Bank of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers in Cleveland. The men signed personal notes and gave other guarantee for the loan, which the big Engineers Co-operative Bank was only too glad to make to these miner co-operators.

The co-operators started work in the mine on June 17th, with $270,000 capital subscribed in their company, each member signing a note for the same amount of stock and sharing equally in the debt. In a little more than two months 14,000 tons of coal had been mined, with sales receipts of $25,000. A small deficit of $450, incurred because of the expense in opening the mine, has disappeared in later monthly statements.

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"There are no high priced swivel chair officers in the company. Every one is an actual producer. Our co-operative has enabled the workers to pay back store accounts, to meet the taxes on their little homes, and to assure a happy Christmas."

Across the valley from the Goat Hill Co-operative Mine one of the finest coal properties in the district stood idle. Although the coal it produced could find a ready market as domestic coal, the cost of mining was too high to provide a good profit for the owner. But the co-operative miners at Goat Hill found they could produce coal for 50c a ton less than private competitors. So the 66 unemployed miners at the Cloverleaf Mine got together, incorporated under the name of the Miners Co-operative Coal Company at Gargholz, appealed to the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers Co-operative National Bank for financial support, and received it in time to have their first pay day before Christmas.

The co-operative plan of organization so successfully followed by the Bergholz miners was drafted for them by the office of the All-American Co-operative Commission in Cleveland, which also helped them solve the problems of purchasing the property on the right basis and securing a favorable market for their coal.

Biggest Co-op Achievement of 1924

"The Bergholz co-operative men is the most significant development in the American co-operative movement this year," declares Albert F. Coyle, secretary of the Co-operative Commission. "The Bergholz co-operative mines, through a more efficient system of production, point the way toward minimizing unemployment, which has been widespread in the coal industry. When mines, such as these, are relieved of their burden of making profits and paying dividends on fancy capitalizations, more miners will have jobs and be able to enter the market with their products.

Already other unemployed miners in the central Ohio field are planning to follow the example set by the men at Bergholz. Not only has a most important page been added to co-operative endeavor and technique through these co-operative mines, but because of their superior efficiency in production and lack of labor difficulties, they may well revolutionize the whole coal mining industry. It is highly significant that the big properties of the Coal River Colleries in West Virginia and Kentucky are now inauguarating a co-operative plan of ownership and operation of the mines.

Incidentally, not the least important factor in the success of these co-operative mines has been the invaluable aid given the miners by the Cleveland Co-operative National Bank of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers.—All American Co-operative Commission.

URGE CHILD LABOR BAN

Olympia, Wash., Dec. 20.—Organized labor in this state is preparing to face a bitter onslaught against the federal child labor amendment before the state legislature.

Anti-union forces can be depended upon to throw every force at their command gainst this proposal. The big employers and the federated industries, trade unionists point out will pursue their usual policy when social legislation is urged.

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ARE YOU IN FAVOR OF A LAW PROVIDING FOR GARNISHMENT OF WAGES?

The Journal is in possession of reliable information that there will be abill introduced in the next session of the Texas legislature, providing for the garnishment of wages, just what the particular provisions of the bill will carry we are not advised, but that there will be legislation of this character offered for the consideration of the legislature, we feel quite certain, and our information is, that it will be backed by the retail merchants organization of Texas. Already there has been considerable publicity work done in this direction, and through and by which, it is claimed that organizations of labor in Texas have endorsed this legislation, and The Journal would like to know, and specifically, if any organizations whose members are readers of The Journal, have given any character of indorsement favoring a law permitting the garnishment of the wages of workers in Texas?

Heretofore, the representatives of organized labor in this State have opposed this character of legislation and have done so because of specific instructions from their constituency and if organized labor now favors the enactment, as we are informed, we should like to know it, and be in position to properly represent them on this question before the 39th legislature, which convenes in January, 1925. It has been said, that ONLY 25 per cent of ones wage is to be subject to garnishee, to be paid each month, not all at one time, but in our judgment, such a law would work a hardship on many workers, unnecessarily, because there are selfish men in business as well as there are selfish men working for wages.

We are aware that some merchants, many of them, we believe, who are imposed upon, but we further believe that it is their fault rather than the fault of the patron, and to permit such cases to be made general in law, would be taken advantage of and abused many more times than actually necessary, and thereby workers who are readers of this Journal are requested to write their legislative chairman, or their legislative representative at Austin, giving them their position, as to whether YOU favor, or oppose a law permitting the garnishment of wages in Texas?

The Journal requests that at your meetings you discuss this matter and get the sentiment of the membership in the form of a resolution, for or against, and mail it to your legislative representative. The Journal is making this request because of the time in which to get this information is short, and there was no question of this character known at the time of our biennial legislative convention last April and therefore an expression at this time will be of advantage to your representatives at Austin, if you will act at your next meeting and send in the result of that action. This is important to YOU and we hope you will act promptly.

"CONCENTRATE ON PRINCIPLES"

That is the announced object of those who have so long used the democratic party as a tool, in its re-organization, and that is what will be the result of its following the "principles" of the "steering committee" of the controling factor in congress, and which has always acted on principles, but the principle that would hold the party for use when it become necessary to defeat the people's wishes and turn the administration, or permits its retention, by the republican party. There cannot be two parties which stand for the privilege class and honestly oppose each other.

The democratic party, undoubtedly, should be re-organized, but not by the republican New Yorkers, who have used it as a mere tool for these many years. If the democratic party ever hopes to be, even as a contender for public office, it must become progressive throughout, and quit playing second fiddle to the republican party. And it might as well be said now as later on, when the re-organization is put in motion, if those who are now talking about how it must be done, control, then it had better not be organized, for the result will show a mere pretention of re-organization. The Eastern and Northern, so called democrats, are nothing more than republicans, and should not be permitted to dictate any longer, but true democrats instead should control.

The Journal is pleased to see the interest manifested in favor of the adoption of the Child Labor Amendment by the organizations of women. Child labor should be properly regulated by laws, and every indication points to the fact that states cannot accomplish this by enactment of laws, and therefore it must be regulated by the Federal government, and the good women of this nation can bring that about, with the assistance of organized labor, the pioneers in the movement.

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A NEW DEPARTMENT OF "SAFETY FIRST" FOR THE STATE

The railroads, in conjunction with state officials, have organized a new "safety first" society, and we hope the railroads themselves will be willing to do their part in the ,apparent, purposes for safety of travelers and employes as well. The railroad commission appears to be an important factor in this society, and we trust that august body will recognize the duty of the management as well as that of the operatives, actual employes and see that such duties are performed earnestly and continually.

Recent years have had much to do with safety by earnest efforts of the employes, while there is much evidence that the employers have not been very faithful in carrying out their part of the earnestness, because, of course, it would cost some money to do this. But what is money, after all, when life and limb of human beings are being destroyed? Will this recent and laudable society for safety recognize death and maiming before the question of profits in dollars are concerned. If not, then their intentions are not earnest ones.

The membership of this new society should be mutual between the employer and the employee, the membership of the state officials as real friends to both these parties, and not for some ulterior motive, and which we do not now charge, for we are willing to accept it in good faith and watch its progress during the future months, and into the years, should it mean real reforms and result in that thing.

Those who represent the employes should be selected by the employes, for those representing the employers are selected by the employers and should be, we agree, but the organizations of employes' representatives should be responsible to their constituencies, for the society cannot be a real effective one unless this is permitted. Dangers for accidents by reason of neglect of the employer is no less important than dangers of accidents by reason of the neglect of the employes, and therefore, The Journal hopes, sincerely, that this new society shall be equal in all its membership, and all free and frank to point out to each other important reforms, and for the education of the state officials as well.

THE DAWN IS VISIBLE NOW

We are the recipient of a printed pamphlet, which carries the report of a committee, appointed by the President of the National Chamber of Commerce, whose duty it was to investigate and report upon the question of "Taxation of Transportation Agencies," and which clearly indicates the power of the President of the Chamber is much greater than the power of the President of the United States, not merely because this report is made on this particular subject, but because the position of the attitude of the Chamber through its president and his committee, virtually, pledging the unlimited power of their hands to brow-beat the citizens of this nation in an effort to protect public utilities that are as rotten as hades.

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"IT'S ALL BUNK," SAYS COUZENS

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His opinion on the relative efficiency of public and private operation of great business enterprises is therefore worth having.

While telling John T. Lambert, one of the most intelligent and fair-minded of Washington correspondents, why he believed the federal government should hang on to Muscle Shoals, Senator Couzens said:

"The statements that public ownership everywhere are all bunk. THOSE WHO MAKE SUCH STATEMENTS DON'T BELIEVE THEM. BECAUSE THEY KNOW THEY ARE UNTRUE.

"Does anybody believe the Panama Canal is a failure?

"Everywhere the country over is dotted with conspicuous examples of efficient public ownership in profitable street railways, gas plants, electric plants, water plants and similar enterprises.

"The average price charged by the municipal lighting plants is less than the average price charged by the privately-owned and privately operated plants.

"Senator Howell pointed out in a splendid address many instances in which private corporations, after they had declared that a cut in their rates would force them into bankruptcy, actually cut their rates in two when threatened with the competition of public plants and are still doing business prosperously.

"But why talk about it? Any one familiar with the conditions becomes disgusted at hearing day after day these unfounded statements that public ownership is a failure.

"I am strong for private business. I want to help it. But I don't want private business to get into the way of our conservation and development of our natural resources or to interfere with the public providing service for themselves in lighting, street railways and similar projects that are essentially public projects."

The Senator hit the nail on the head in that last sentence.

There are two kinds of business enterprises—one is essentially public, the other is essentially private. For example: A farm is essentially private; a railroad is essentially public.

The people are justified in undertaking to control and operate any enterprise which is essentially public. Wherever they have done so and have placed the management in the hands of honest and competent men the experiment has been a success.—Labor.

A BIT HUMILIATING?

There appeared in the press recently an article relative to the "finger printing" of those who drive automobiles for hire and while we are in favor of respectable regulation, it would be, in our judgment, a bit humiliating to men who, ordinarily? make some pretentions at being honest. If indications establish the fact that they are, universally law breakers, then it might be well to brand them! What are the real reasons for this attack on drivers of automobiles for hire? Surely it is not conceived that they are ALL law breakers, just because they are vicious, and if this is not the reason, why place them before the public view as men who have a record in finger gallery? The definition of dishonesty might be placed in the category of insanity, but we are not willing to accept that definition of it.

Mrs. F. M. Benton attended the funeral of a sister in Kansas last month spending a few days with relatives before her return home. The Journal extends sympathy to Mrs. Benton in the loss of her beloved sister.

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Weekly Notes on Child-Welfare Topics Compiled by the U. S. Children's Bureau.

A Child-Welfare Professorship

Child welfare is now recognized as a subject worth the attention of colleges and universities. Evidence of this is seen in the fact that a chair of instruction in the welfare of the child has been endowed at the University of Pennsylvania.

Correcting Physical Defects in School Children

Over 163,000 defects are reported to physical examination of New York have been corrected as a result of the City school children. The weekly bulletin of the New York Department of Health gives these figures and also reports that examination of children applying for employment certificates showed a decrease in the percentage of defects discovered during 1923 as compared with previous years.

Scholarships for Child Workers

The Scholarship Association for Jewish Children in Chicago provides scholarships to Jewish children of working age who, without the scholarship, would have to leave school in order to support themselves or their families. During 11 years 299 children have received scholarships; in some cases for as long a period as five and ahalf years. Since 1920 the average scholarship has been approximately $20 a month.

Saving Mothers and Babies

Parental care for negro mothers in a New York district resulted in lowering the rate of deaths for the mothers during childbirth, and also the deathrate for babies under one month. The New York Association for Improving the Condition of the Poor reports this facts and shows that the longer the period of parental crae, the lower the deathrate for both mothers and babies.

Under-nourished Children

Height-weight-age tables fail to identify many under-nourished children, according to Dr. Louis I. Dublin of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. Dr. Dublin and John C. Gebhart are the authors of a report on this subject which shows that many children up to standard in weight and height are found, when examined by a physician, to be under-nourished.

Foster Homes Help Children to Make Good

Children whose own home background is poor may, if placed in good foster homes, overcome the handicap of a bad start.

At least the New York State Charities Aid Association reports encouragingly that more than three-quarters of a group of 910 "foster" children, now grown up, have made "good" and are self-supporting, law-abiding and responsive to educational opportunities. Yet most of these children had spent the impressionable years of early childhood in their own homes, with a family background predominantly bad.

England's Low Infant Death Rate

According to the report of the Registrar General for the third quarter of 1924, the infant mortality rate in England and Wales during that quarter was the lowest ever recorded in those countries—54 per one thousand live births. The United States rate in 1922 for the birth-registration area was 76.

"Sunshine" Clinic, England

Hull, England, is reported the first city to establish a clinic for the treatment of babies and children by artificially produced light rays having the curative qualities of direct sunlight. Malnutrition and rickets have been treated with marked success, it is said.

Investigation of Scarlet Fever

Highest susceptibility to scarlet fever exists from the ages of one to two years, according to the results of tests made with 7,700 normal persons of different ages. Results of these

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tests are summarized by Dr. Abraham Zingher in the American Journal of Public Health. Nearly three-fourths of the children between one and two years of age were susceptible, but only 14.4 per cent of those from 20 years up. Dr. Zingher reports that investigations are being made to discover the results of immunization against scarlet fever and diphtheria in the case of 2,000 children under 6 years of age. Records of these children, who have been immunized, are being kept for comparison with lists of scarlet fever and diphtheria cases developing during the coming year.

RAILROAD'S EXCESSIVE REPAIR COSTS IS CENSURED BY FEDERAL BOARD

Washington, Dec. 27.—An investigation by the interstate commerce commission shows that the Erie railroad paid more money for repairing locomotives than the total reproduction cost of a new locomotive.

These excess expenditures were made in 1920 to 1923, when the Erie contracted its work to private controlled shops so it could get outside the jurisdiction of the railroad labor board. This practice was followed by other roads during that period.

The commission refused to accept the railroad's claim that insufficient capacity of its shops compelled it to patronize the private shops.

The commission shows that the Baldwin locomotive company was paid an excess of $172,000 for repairing eight locomotives in October, 1920. Other contracts showed that for every dollar of productive labor applied, the Erie paid sums ranging from $3.75 to $4.95. It was pointed out that the total cost of applied, or productive, labor on 12 locomotives repaired at one private plant was 144,359.74 and the amount added to productive labor for indirect labor, overhead and profit was $570,220.96.

"The cost of repairs to many of the locomotives was greatly in excess of the cost of similar new locomotives," the commission declared. A table was given covering the locomotives repaired at the Crucible steel plant showing the average cost of repairs was $64,857, the average original cost of the locomotives but $14,739, and the average cost of new similar locomotives $36,459.

The commission said that these records compel it to regard the Erie expenditures as "improvident."

Charges have been made by opponents of the railroad interests that there has been deliberate waste by the carriers for the purpose of covering up the actual financial condition of the railroads, so that high rates would be maintained, and that certain large financial interests controlled the carriers and also the outside shops to which repair work was let at exorbitant terms.

BUSINESS MEN OPPOSE CHILD LABOR AMENDMENT

New York, Dec. 13.—The New York state chamber of commerce condemned the federal child labor amendment at its monthly meeting.

A small minority, led by Joseph M. Price, opposed the resolution. Mr. Price declared that he was "amazed and shocked" at the committee's attitude. "If the employers realized that long hours and dangerous employment do not work for good business, child labor legislation would be unnecesary" he said. "The only right the state would give up under the proposed amendment would be the right to neglect its children. This amendment gives the state unlimited power to protect its children."

Robert Alfred Shaw cited powers the constitution now gives congress and said that with such powers entrusted to them no one should be afraid to delegate authority as proposed in the amendment. "To adopt the committee's resolution will not do us credit as an association of business men," he said.

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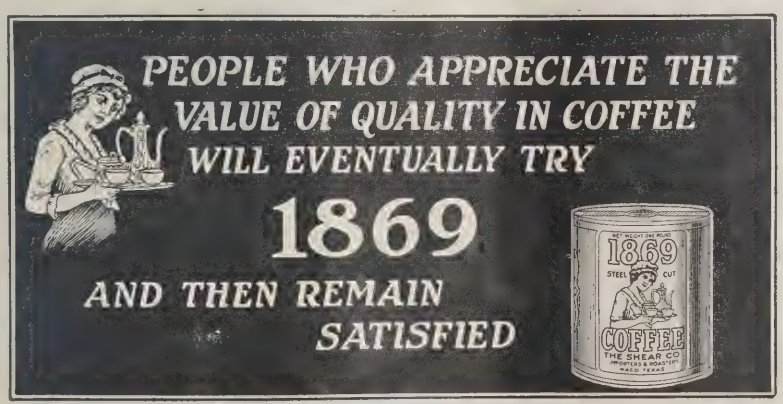

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SAM GOMPERS, AS HE LIVED

By James P. Egan,
Editor of A. F. L. Weekly News Service.

Much is being written of the character and life of Samuel Gompers, and below we are reproducing an "estimate" of his work as a representative of the American Federation of Labor, which gives a genuine pen picture of him, as he lived and as he died. Sam Gompers was a human, might have made mistakes, but his memory will live as a man who did his duty to himself as he saw it, and without flinching. Mr. Egan's article follows:

Samuel Gompers ended a life of service and dramatic action at the close of one of his greatest triumphs—the cementing of workers on both sides of the Rio Grande.

He died as he lived—on the battlefield—with his inspiring call for justice, humanity and solidarity ringing through Mexico and Central America.

Samuel Gompers knew men and institutions. He knew man's proneness to believe there is an easy way to meet life's problems. He knew that men are molded and standardized as the price for this belief.

He was alert to the age-long tendency of every institution to enlarge its power over the individual.

He knew this makes men rigid, stifles the spiritual and creates narrow conformists.

His life was an opposition to that tendency.

He was called a 'conservative" by those who ignore human experience.

He combatted every effort, no matter how subtle, to establish the principles of governmental control over the workers. He knew this deadens their social activities, chills their hopes and destroys their cultural aspirations.

Men impatient with labor's progress favored other methods. These were based on the kingly theory, garbed in modern phrases. It was so-called "leadership," rather than voluntary action.

Samuel Gompers knew no easy road. He knew that progress can only rest on intellect and good will.

He was not a "leader" in the popular sense. He never said: "Follow me." It was always. "Let us move forward."

He insisted that workers owe a loyalty to each other that should be given without compulsion.

No estimate of the life of Samuel Gompers is complete that excludes his passion for individual development; for workers to unite of their own free will and assert their manhood; to be factore in humanity's upward surge and not be under obligation to outside forces.

As a citizens and as a trade unionist he combatted autocracy in every form and every guise.

The slightest suggestion, or most cautious move toward this end aroused every fiber in his being. To him the Declaration of Independence was not dead parchment. It was a Living Thing that stirred in him visions of freedom and the longings of every patriot, prophet and seer.

He resisted every effort to "governmentalize" the American Federation of Labor. He refused to be an order giver. He refused power over his fellows.

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Co-operation brings to the average American the visual image of the neighborhood co-op store catering to the needs of the immediate consumers. But co-operation, says the All American Co-operative Commission, can never be wholly effective until the complete circle of industry and commerce, from the point of production to the point of use, is controlled by co-operative methods. For the co-op store represents only one part of the co-operative scheme, and not until goods PRODUCED without profit are sold from the store's shelves without profit, can the ultimate consumer get one hundred cents' worth of goods for the dollar he puts down on the counter.

Great Britian, mother of consumers' co-operation, has also achieved success in co-operative production, sometimes called co-partnership. While the huge Co-operative Wholesale Society representing the consumers, has taken the lead in co-operative production, any number of flourishing industries in Britain are owned and controlled by the workers themselves. For instance, there are 22 co-operative print shops, and nmerous boot and shoe, garment and toy factories managed and owned by the workers themselves. The highest quality workmanship, calling to mind the stands of the medieval guilds themselves, gives an added demand for the products of the co-partnership enterprises. These workshops are banded together in the Co-operative Productive Federation, which acts as a clearing house and educational center for the movement.

Producers' co-operative societies in England and Wales did a business of $12,500,000 in 1923, while Scotland added another $7,500,000. Four of these Scotch co-operatives alone report profits amounting to more than $500,000 for division among the workers or re-investment in enlarging the plants.

The object of co-operative production is summarized as: To bring about an organization of industry based upon the principles of labor co-partnership; that is to say, a system in which all those engaged shall share in the profits, capital, control and responsibility.—Co-operative News Letter.

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If you stick to the rules of the game, my friend,
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While some are unfair, be it said to their shame,
If you play it right, it's a wonderful game.

—IDA M. THOMAS.

"MA"-FERGUSON UP TO DATE

Texarkana, Texas, Dec. 20.—Acting on a request by Mrs. M. A. Ferguson, governor-elect, the convention of the Farm Labor union, in session here, named a special committee to present to her the legislative recommendations of the farmers of the state, as represented in the Farm Labor union.

"The strongest bond of human sympathy outside the family relation should be one uniting all working people of all nations, tongues and kindreds."—Abraham Lincoln.

TEXANIZING TEXAS

The unique work of "Texanizing Texas" has been set for itself by the Texas Centennial Committee of One Hundred in advance of its meeting at Austin, January 19. At this meeting it is proposed to take steps toward raising a fund of $100,000 to be employed in educational work in preparation for the Centennial.

To those who entertain surprise as to why there should be such an educational campaign it is suggested that this Centennial thing is not to be the ordinary kind of celebration, even statewide. The vision which first comprehended it has grown until it is planned that the exposition shall be such as to place it among the great fairs of the world.

Texas has the background of historical and commercial significance to justify such plans. Here was fused in the caldron of the primeval wilderness the destiny of a great continent. The period within which Anglo-Saxon civilization in Texas was in the making was a period of import to North America second only to that of the period of discovery. But one thing is lacking to complete Texas' equipment for making this Centennial as big as it ought to be. That one thing is the thorough understanding and the universal co-operation of the people of Texas.

In this view, the proposal of the Committee of 100 to spend $100,000 in "Selling Texas to Texas" in advance of any permanent plans for the exposition becomes the height of good business judgment.

There is, fortunately, sufficient time to proceed carefully in maturing the plans for the exposition. The idea of a Centennial does not necessarily apply to any one date. Any time within the period between the first Anglo-American entry into Texas and statehood may be commemorated as well as another.

The chief matter at hand right now is to build up in Texas a public relization of the greatness and importance of the state in the past and in the present. It is to develop a Texas consciousness among Texans. When this is done, the degree of co-operation necessary to insure success of the exposition will be guaranteed. To know Texas history and its historical significance is to realize that here is something for commemorating greater and grander than that which inspired such world fairs as those at Chicago, St. Louis and San Francisco. — Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

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If youu want the official record in legislative affairs, consult The Journal its actuary has 'em a plenty covering the past 23 years.

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CARPENTERS TO FOUND CO-OPERATIVE BANK

So impressive has been the showing made by the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and other labor unions in the field of co-operative banking that the Chicago District council of the Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners will open a bank of its own as soon as the building can be completed at 12-18 Erie street. The Chicago Carpenters have captalized their bank at $5,000,000 with stock ownership limited to members of the union. Ten shares is the maximum allowed to an individual.

This will be the first Carpenters' co-operative bank in the country and the second labor bank in Chicago. The Amalgamated Clothing Workers opened their co-operative financial institution two years ago which, according to latest reports to the All American Co-operative Commission, is thriving handsomely with assets of more than $2, 687,000.—Co-operative News Letter.

CENTENNIAL INFORMATION

"There is every prospect that a THOROUGHLY TEXANIZED TEXAS will bring about a Celebration so great in magnitude and attractive in performance as to successfully rival the great Expositions previously held in the United States. To this end, if properly developed, the Texas Centennial and World Exposition should be nation wide, perhaps world wide, in scope and certainly it should encompass and interest all Pan-America, dramatically and substantially presenting not only the heoric grandeur of the past but the wealth and well nigh infinite varity of our material resources, the almost unequalled accomplishments of the last one hundred years and the tremendous possibilities of the years to come."

The above is an excerpt from Chairman Sells' call for Centennial committee meeting held at Waco, November 14, when preliminary steps were taken looking toward the selection of an Executive Committee and the raising of a $100,000 fund for use in an aggressive state-wide educational campaign. The Governing Board of one hundred will meet at Austin, January 19.

SOUTHERN PACIFIC SETTLES

San Francisco, Dec. 27.—As a result of a strike declaration by 96 per cent of its engineers, the Southern Pacific railroad has raised wages of these workers $500,000 a year, dating back to September 1. When the vote was being taken, the chairman of the railroad's executive committee carelessly waived it aside with the statement that the brotherhood "leaders" were compelling the men to vote, that they might have a club to force the Howell-Barkley bill through congress. When the strike vote was announced, railroad officials began to talk sense.

Simultaneous with the wage increase announcement, the Southern Pacific stated that in the last ten months all records have been smashed for train operation. Train loads were increased, percentage of locomotives to trains were cut down and the locomotive load raised.

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The Electrical Workers organized a death benefit association among their members in 1922, limiting payments to $1,000. Two years later the company had assets of $851,000 and so it was thought feasible to spread out into all the fields covered by the old-line life insurance companies.

These companies, the Electrical workers discovered, take from 20 to 50 per cent of each premium merely for handling the policy and are operating the greatest legitimate get-rich-quick schemes in existence. Within 50 years unless they are challenged, the life insurance companies will control the industrial life of the nation. The Electrical workers believe however that they should dispute with private monopoly the control of this vast source of money power.—All American Co-operative Commission.

PUBLICITY OF INCOMES WILL NOT BE REPEALED

Washington, Dec. 13.—The proposal to repeal the publicity section of the income tax law, favored by President Coolidge, will meet strong opposition in congress. The publication of these payments does not include incomes from tax exempt bonds and other exemptions.

Western senators, led by Senator Walsh of Montana, oppose publicity repeal. This opposition it is declared, is strong enough at this session to make repeal impossible.

"The opportunity to profit illegally in the administration of the income tax law is staggering at the best," said Senator Walsh. "Even with the widest publicity, graft could not be altogether eliminated.

"There is nothing new or startling in the principle of tax publicity. It is an essential part of the system of property taxation long in vogue in this country, perhaps universally pursued by the states and dating from the beginning of organized government, that every individual, national or corporate, is required by law to schedule his property for assessment."

The opponents of repal insist that the law should be strengthened. They point to the small tax paid by certain persons who are popularly believed to receive large incomes, and it is suggested that wider publicity would reveal how income tax payments are being evaded.

NINE WAYS TO KILL A MEETING

1. Don't come to the meeting.
2. But if you do come, come late.
3. If the weather doesn't suit you, don't think of coming.
4. If you attend a meeting, find fault with the work of the officers and other members.
5. Never accept an office, as it is easier to criticize than to do things.
6. Nevertheless get sore if you are not appointed on a committee, but if you are, do not attend the committee meetings.
7. If asked by the chairman to give your opinion regarding some important matter, tell him you have nothing to say. After the meeting tell every one how things ought to be done.
8. Do nothing more than is absolutely necessary, but when other members roll up their sleeves and willingly, unselfishly use their ability to help matters along, howl that the association is run by a clique.
9. Don't bother about getting new members. "Let someone else do it."—Exchange.

CO-OPS STURDIER THAN PRIVATE BUSINESS

Co-operatives are no fleeting fad of the day, vanishing soon after they are created, despite the propaganda one hears from unfriendly sources. The Department of Agriculture has nailed this rumor very neatly through a study of Michigan co-ops. Only 9 per cent of the co-operatives in existence in the Wolverine state 11 years ago are now defunct. Compare this record of sound success with that of private business in any neighborhood or city in the United States!—Co-operative News Letter.

ANNUAL REPORT, CHIEF CHILDREN'S BUREAU
U. S. Department of Labor

National attention to the prevention of sex relinquency among children is urged by Grace Abbott, Chief of the Children's Bureau of the U. S. Department of Labor, in her annual report for the fiscal year, 1924, made public today.

"There is no field of child study more important or more neglected than this," Miss Abbott states. "The Children's Bureau has received many requests during the last year to undertake research with reference to the prevention of sex deliquency among children and methods of care for those who have become delinquent. Local communities desire not only facts as to successful handling of these conduct problems in this and other countries but help through consultation by qualified experts." The Children's Bureau has ample authority under the act of Congress creating the bureau to undertake this work, Miss Abbott states, but no appropriation is available.

Another recommendation stressed by Miss Abbott is the need for current statistics on a National scale relating to the number of dependent, delinquent, and neglected children, as well as to the number of children legally employed. At present Nationwide statistics on these subjects are secured only ince every 10 years.

Many phases of child welfare and practically every State in the Union were touched during the course of the year's work by the Children's Bureau, Miss Abbott's report shows.

Scientific investigation into problems affecting childhood were made by the bureaus's divisions of child hygiene, materniay and infancy, social service and its industrial division. Amog the most important studies were:

A demonstration to prove that rickets, widely prevalent among young children, a danger to the lives of infants, and the source of serious loss in the mechanical efficiency of adults, may be eradicated through methods applicable to any community. This demonstration covers a New Haven (Conn.) district with a population of 13,000 and is being carried on by the bureau in co-operation with the Yale University School of Medicine and the New Haven Department of Health. It is to cover a three-year period, of which one year has been completed.

An investigation of the relation of posture to physical fitness was conducted in co-operation with the public schools of Chelsea, Mass. , and the Boston Community Health Service. Approximately 1,000 children have had orthopedic examinations and taken special postural exercises regularly. It is hoped that exercises may be devised which can be so directed by teachers that good posture training will be available for all children.

Standards of administration of "Mothers' Pension" laws, with special reference to housing, health, education and recreation, have been studied in counties in Massachusetts, New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Illinois, Michigan, Washington, California and Manitoba, Canada. The importance of this movement to keep mothers and children together and to prevent the break-up of homes is indicated, Miss Abbott points out, by the fact that 42 States have such laws, and that approximately 130,000 children are receiving aid, and about 43,000 families being kept together.

At the request of the Georgia State Department of Public Welfare and the Georgia Children's Code Commission, a study was made of the care available to dependent, neglected and delinquent children in 30 counties in Georgia and a preliminary report was submitted to members of the department and of the commission. A study of work being done for dependent, delinquent and physically and mentally handicapped children by local communities in Pennsylvania has been undertaken at the request of the Pennsylvania Children's Commission. In order to ascertain methods of organization and results obtained in pioneer states in the development of county work, brief studies have been made in selected counties in New York, Minnesota and North Dakota.

Other Studies Included:

An analysis of the statistics of maternal mortality; an annotated bibliography on the growth and development of the normal child; a study of play and recreation for blind children; the care of children born out of wedlock; the development and methods of family or domestic-relations courts; industrial accidents to young workers under 21 in Wisconsin, Massachusetts and New Jersey; laws affecting the employment of children and their administration; child workers in the fruit and hop-growing areas of Washington and Oregon; child labor in fish, fruit and vegetable canneries in Washington; vocational opportunities for minors; and work histories of minors of sub-normal men tality in seven cities.

Administration of the Maternity and Infancy Act, Miss Abbott states, through which 40 States co-operated with the United States Government in an effort to improve maternity and infancy conditions, was carried on by a staff of 8 persons in the Children's Bureau, 4 physicians, a consulting nurse, an accountant, a secretary, and a stenographer.

Active co-operation with State bureaus and commissions dealing witrh children was maintained by the bureau.

COMPANY "UNION" REJECTED; PENNSY CAN'T FOOL WORKERS

Chicago, Dec. 13.—According to figures made public by the railroad labor board, telegraphers employed by the Pennsylvania railroad have rejected the company "union" by a vote of more than 12 to 1.

The telegraphers declared by an overwhelming vote that they favor the Order of Railroad Telegraphers, affiliated to the A. F. of L., as their representative in wage negotiations with the company. The vote, as announced by the labor board, was 4,258 for the bona fide union and 318 for the company "union."

The policy of the railroad management has been not to recognize the regular unions, but to encourage their handpicked "union." The vote was conducted by the labor board, and is a rebuff to General Atterbury and other officials of the anti-union corporation.

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AID FARM OWNERSHIP BY LEVYING LESS TAX

Los Angeles, Calif., Dec. 13.—Farm ownership, rather than tenant farming, will be encouraged in this state by the adoption of the proposed tax relief amendment, according to a statement issued by the Tax relief association, of which David Woodhead lumberman of this city, is president. The amendment to be presented to the legislature in January for submission to the people by referendum, proposes to exempt from taxation $2,000 worth of improvements on land to each individual taxpayer, and to exempt all personal property from ordinary taxation.

Diversified farming will be encouraged as against temporary one-crop farming by the adoption of the amendment, whose provisions are to take effect gradually at a rate of 25 per cent a year, so that they will not be in full effect until the fourth year after adoption.

The amendment, the statement asserts, will affect the farmer by exemption from taxation up to $2,000 on improvements not only of farm houses barns, fences, wells, etc., but would also exempt bearing fruit trees, vines, alfalfa, all of which are now subject to taxation as improvements. This will reduce the taxation on improved farms, it is pointed out, and will shift the burden of taxation to unimproved land.

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"Find a job which suits you, which fits your qualifications and your disposition; a job which you like and which likes you, and stick to it faithfully, studying, learning, advancing. A good job is your best friend."—Nowy Swait, Polish Weekly of Chicago, Ill.

MISS LATHROP DEFENDS CHILD LABOR AMENDMENT

Garden City, L. I., Dec. 13.—Opposition to the federal child labor amendment comes not from persons who oppose it on principle, but from interests such as manufacturers, declared Miss Julia C. Lathrop, former head of the United States Children's bureau, in an address to club women.

"It is the belief of members of congress and of the public generally that the right of a child to freedom from toil is inalienable," she said. "It is education of mind and conscience in childhood which alone leads to permanent happiness in life."

Miss Lathrop said that 1,060,000 girls between the ages of 10 and 16 were employed throughout the country and that many more under 10 years of age were employed, although there were no official records to show it.

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BRAKEMAN - LAWYER

Ordinarily it is a far cry from a brakie to a successful lawyer, but here's one man who has made the jump and like Paavo Nurmi, the "runnin' fool" Finn, went clear to the top of the list.

MR. DEE ESTES

Just now Mr. Estes is being congratulated by his many friends on account of the record breaking case which has just been decided in his favor by the Supreme Court. This is the case of J. Frank Steele vs the Chicago, Rock Island and Gulf Railway, in which Mr. Estes represented Steele and secured a final judgment for $39,345.85, which has just been paid.

This is the largest judgment ever paid in Texas in a similar case and its successful termination reflects great credit on the man who was able to fight it through against the opposition of some of the biggest railroad lawyers in the State.

With all this legal success, it is gratifying to his friends to know that "Dee" is still the same good comrade and jovial friend of the former times when he twisted the wheels and pushed the air on a freight train, for be it known, Dee Estes started life and for sixteen years followed railway train service, rising to be a conductor as well as brakeman and switchman. He has been practicing law now for a dozen years, having been successively connected with many of the most prominent law firms. He began the study of law at night school, then finished his course in the offices of Smith, Turner, Bradley and Powell, with which firm the late Senator D. W. Odell was connected, and later in the offices of Alexander, Powell and Ridgway. He has a natural legal bent of mind and because of his practical experience in railroad affairs, he has been well equipped to win this astonishing victory.

Mr. Estes is at present occupying offices in Suite 370-72 Majestic Building, where he has what is said by some to be the largest privately owned law library in Texas—over 5000 volumes in all, which gives him direct access to what might be termed "All the written law of the land."

But the best thing to be said about him is, from The Journal's viewpoint, that he still carries his brakeman's Union Card and still wears the Union button in the lapel of his coat.

WOMAN SUPREME COURT

The all-woman special supreme court in the Woodman of the World case from El Paso county, listened to arguments of lawyers in the case this Friday morning.

Despite its being the first time in the history of Texas or any other state that attorneys submitted a case before an appellate court composed entirely of women, there were but two spectators in the court room, both of them women.

Mrs. Hortense Ward of Houston, presided as special chief justice with Miss Hattie Henenberg of Dallas and Miss Ruth Brazzill of Galveston as the associate justices.

The case is Johnson vs Darr from El Paso county, involving approximately $12,000 worth of real estate, alleged to be the property of a Woodman of the World camp, held by a trustee.

J. W. Morrow of El Paso, submitted argument for the plaintiff while Volney Brown of El Paso represented the defendant.

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FEDERAL GOVERNMENT DISCIPLINES FOOD ADULTERATORS

Washington, Jan. 3.—The United States Department of Agriculture is charged with the enforcement of the federal food and drug act.

The Bureau of Chemistry analyzes suspected products and prosecutes the owners when the analysis gives evidence of adulteration or other violations of the law. The department publishes the judgment in a monthly bulletin called "Service and Regulatory Announcements."

A few of the judgments in the current issue, with names omitted, indicate how business is being "carried on as usual" and what Uncle Sam does to some of the law violators. Here they are:

Adulteration of frozen eggs—Fine, $25 and costs.

Adulteration of shell eggs—Fine, $25.

Adulteration and misbranding of canned tuna fish—Condemnation, forfeiture, and destruction.

Adulteration and misbranding of butter—Condemnation, forfeiture and sale.

Misbranding of canned shrimp—Fine, $25 and costs.

Misbranding of olive oil—Fine $100.

Adulteration of cocoa—Condemnation and forfeiture.

Adulteration of concentrated tomato and tomato sauce—Fine, $1,000.

Misbranding of salad oil—Condemnation and forfeiture.

Misbranding and adulteration of canned salmon—Condemnation, forfeiture and destruction.

Misbranding of tankage—Condemnation and forfeiture.

Adulteration of canned salmon—Condemnation and forfeiture.

Adulteration of catsup—Condemnation and forfeiture.

Misbranding of tomatoes—Fine, $100.

Adulteration of brazil nuts—Condemnation and forfeiture.

Adulteration and misbranding of butter—Fine, $100 and costs.

Adulteration and misbranding of lemon extract—Condemnation, forfeiture and destruction.

Adulteration of tomato paste—Condemnation, forfeiture and destruction.

Adulteration of chestnuts—Condemnation, forfeiture and destruction.

Misbranding of cotton seed meal—Fine, $300.

Adulteration of coal tar color—Condemnation, forfeiture and destruction.

From the revelations contained in the above judgments for violation of the federal food and drugs act, it is quite evident that some sections of modern business need a permanent sanitary squad in the public interest.

MARK TWAIN ON WAR

(Taken from "The Mysterious Stranger" written in 1875. This book, which is philosophical rather than humorous, was not published until after his death.)

"Look at you in war—what muttons you are, and how ridiculous!"

"In war? How?"

"There has never been a just one, never an honorable one—on the part of the instigator of the war. I can see a million years ahead, and this rule will never change in so many as half a dozen instances. The loud little handful—as usual—will shout for the war. The pulpit will—warily and cautiously—object—at first; the great, big, dull bulk of the nation will rub its sleepy eyes and try to make out why there should be a war; and will say, earnestly and indignantly, 'It is unjust and dishonorable, and there is no necessity for it!'

"Then the handful will shout louder. A few fair men on the other side will argue and reason against the war with speech and pen, and at first will have a hearing and be applauded; but it will not last long; those others will out shout them, and presently the the anti-war audience will thin out and loose popularity. Before long you will see this curious thing: The speakers stoned from the platform, and free speech strangled by hordes of furious men who in their secret hearts are still one with those stoned speakers—as earlier—but do not dare to say so. And now the whole nation—pulpit and all—will take up the war cry, and shout itself hoarse, and mob any honest man who ventures to open his mouth; and presently such mouths will cease to open.

"Next the statesmen will invent cheap lies, putting the blame upon the nation that is attacked, and every man will be glad of those conscience-soothing falsities, and will diligently study them and refuse to examine any refutation of them; and thus he will by and by convince himself that the war is just and will thank God for the better sleep he enjoys after this process of grotesque self-deception."

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2,500 WORKERS KILLED IN U. S. COAL MINES

Washington, Jan. 3.—There were 2,452 workers killed in the coal mines of the United States during 1923, according to a report on coal-mine fatalities just issued by the United States Bureau of Mines. The figures are based on reports submitted by mine officials of the coal-producing states.

Falls of roof and coal are listed as the dominating causes for nearly one-half of the fatilities. 1,158 men meeting death by this agency.

It is apparent from the report that practically most of the fataliies would have been prevened had the mine owners put into practice modern mine safety science, applied and administered by mine-safety experts whose major purpose is safety for the miners rather than profits for the mine owners.

It has been said that the best way to reduce railroad accidents would be to place a railroad director on each and every cowcatcher. Perhaps mine fatalities would be appreciably reduced if directors of the mine corporations were compelled to work in each mine in the places regarded as most dangerous.

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Ryan Calls Amendment Opposition Undemocratic, Refutes Opponents

Insisting that the opposition to the passage of the twentieth amendment is largely undemocratic and due to misrepresentation, Dr. John A. Ryan, noted author, has issued a refutation of the seven objections to the Child Labor Amendment. His statement, entitled "The Proposed Amendment," is published by the National Child Labor Committee.

"Those who are endeavoring to defeat the proposed amendment," Dr. Ryan says, "are seeking a tyrannical and undemocratic use of the power which the states possess over Constitutional Amendments. They should wait until a child labor bill is actually before Congress and strive to defeat it in that open forum. In striving to foreclose legislative discussion of Federal regulations, they justly incur the imputation of being opposed to the principle of majority rule in a matter of legislative expediency."

"It is a gross perversion of fact," Dr. Ryan states, "to assert that the proposed amendment would enable Congress to take the control of children out of the home. Family control and authority would remain essentially what they are at present." Dr. Ryan denounced as "astonishing in its recklessness" the assertion which appeared in a widely read weekly that Congress would be empowered to require children to be raised in Federal institutions. He cited the fact that no state had attempted to regulate education under its child labor laws as proof that Congress could not possibly control education under the twentieth Amendment. To assert that Congress could specify the kind of schools and other institutions in which the child must obtain the required amount of training, is to talk nonsense. Congress would be even less able to do this than the states."

Challenging those who fear that Congress would attempt to pervert a child labor law so as to usurp parental rights and any other fundamental rights of the citizen, Dr. Ryan asked them to show a single Federal law enacted in time of peace which violated and endangered such rights.

The statement of the general counsel of the National Association of Manufacturers that "the proposed

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Amendment gives Congress exclusive power over child labor," he characterized as "an amazing assertion" in direct contradiction of the language of the amendment. "In the future as in the past, the pioneers among the States will have full liberty to blaze new trails in the field of child protection. This has been the way of all progress. To assert that the Amendment would have the effect of taking away the power to better the Congressional laws is to utter a palpable and flagrant untruth.

"Child labor regulation is not merely a local question," says Dr. Ryan, "it is a national matter because it cannot be performed by one state without affecting the people of many states. When the products of child labor are shipped out of the state in which they are made, they necessarily interfere with the welfare of other communities. Anyone who asserts that the Amendment is Socialistic in origin and design is giving utterance to a lie."

Discussing the limit of Federal capacity to administer, Dr. Ryan says: "Much depends upon the nature of the law, the particular type of administration and the attitude of local public opinion." Admitting the failure of the Federal administration of the Volstead Act, Dr. Ryan says: "With regard to a federal labor law the problem is comparatively simple. In this field we have the guidance of experence. The two Federal Child Labor Laws had been in operation several years before they were declared unconstitutional. Everywhere the State officials co-operated with the Federal agents in the enforcement of the Congressional statute. Federal machinery was put in operation only in so far as State machinery was lacking, or to test the effectiveness of State machinery; and the cost of Federal administration was not excessive as compared with equally effective State administration."

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If that is a good argument we can match it. British workers are proportionately much better organized than Americans. There are actually more trade unionists in Great Britian than in the United States, though the total population is smaller. But the American workers are better off. Therefore trade unionism is a bad thing.

No labor man will accept this argument for a minute when it is applied to trade unionism. Why then, accept it so unhesitatingly with regard to political action?

Of course, the truth of the matter is that American workers are better off because of the vastly greater natural wealth of America, its freedom from some of the cramping traditions and practices of landlordism and feudalism, its escape from the most terrible effects of the war, and a number of other factors. That British workers are as well off as they are is to a large measure due to the fact that they are so well organized, primarily on the economic field, and secondarily on the political field. Such organization cannot make up altogether for pressure of population upon resources, the decline of foreign trade, the biological consequences of genrations of underfed and underpaid workers which weigh so heavily on British labor. On the other hand, proper organization would put American workers in a far better position than they are. And proper organization must take account of the political field.—Norman Thomas.

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To William Green, new president of the American Federation of Labor, we extend our congratulations and good wishes. He is a man of pleasing personality and fine character. He is a conservative but we suspect that his conservatism may be over-emphasized. Mr. Green is a loyal member of a union which has repeatedly declared for nationalization of coal and which long ago broke completely with Ralph Easley's Civic Federation. (It would appear that the power of that organization for good or for evil is very near to its end.) He was the chairman of the Committee of the A. F. of L. on Workers' Education at the last Convention and vigorously championed the very comprehensive report which was then adopted. If this is the record of a conservative, it is at least not the record of a reactionary or a standpatter.—By Norman Thomas.

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Beginning right at the western and northwestern gates of the city and stretching away to the northwest, is a long range of semi-mountains. Cutting its way through this range for centuries, the Colorado river has flowed. High cliffs and peaks offer scenery for the pedestrain, autoist or boatman. Beneath, in the cool waters of the river or mountain streams, are to be found untold quantities of the finny tribe. White perch, bass, buffalo, trout and catfish furnish sport for the angler.

Streets and Highways

Travis County has 1374 miles of road. The City of Austin has 278 miles of streets, more than 200 miles of which are kept in excellent condition.

Five national highways pass through Austin, connecting this city with all important points. These highways are Meridian, Southern National King of Trails, Bankhead and Colorado-Gulf.

Transportation

Austin is served by the Missouri-Kansas-Texas Railway, which gives special passenger service through the "Texas Special;" the International-Great Northern Railway, which gives special passenger service through the "Sunshine Special." These two special trains have a twenty-four hour service to St. Louis and fifty-two hour service to New York City. The Southern Pacific Lines offer excellent passenger service to all southern, western and eastern points.

Taxes

City tax rate is $2.15 per 100 on a valuation of about 50 per cent, and the county and State rate is $1.10 per $100 on a valuation of about 25 per cent.

Recreation

Adjacent to the city is Lake Austin —29 miles long, with boating, fishing and bathing. It is reached by automobile boulevard or street car. There are many beautiful camping sites.

Pease Park is just west of the Capitol. The shady slopes and grassy meadows offer quiet spots for rest.

The park at Barton Springs with its majestic pecan trees, and great artesian springs flowing fifteen million gallons of cold water daily, attract thousands for the daily plungs.

Deep Eddy bathing beach is reached by street car line and is on the Lake Austin Boulevard. The huge pool of pure water, equipped with all mechanical devices, the neat cottages, band concerts, moving pictures and clean moral atmosphere make this an unusually attractive resort.

Within the city are a number of small parks where band concerts are

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given through the summer. Among these are Lamar Park, Wooldridge Park, East Avenue Park and Tabernacle Park.

There are two theaters and six picture shows in the city.

Industries

The leading industries of Austin are the roasting of coffee, manufacture of flour, crude oil engines, brick, mattresses and truck bodies, cottonseed oil, candy, butter, ice cream, castings, cigars, extracts, floor sweep, poultry remedies, milled charcoal, printing, ice, lime, mounments, mill work, saddles, trunks, soap and optical lenses. The largest chili canning plant west of the Mississippi is located here. Carloads of dressed turkeys and chickens are shipped from Austin each year. Approximately 100 cars of pecans originate in Austin or are shipped from this territory by Austin firms.

Some of the industrial possibilities for Austin are plants for preparing pecan meats for market, cheese factories, condensed milk plant and textile mills. It should be borne in mind that Austin has a very large high-class unutilized labor supply, and a vast amount of undeveloped water power.

Camps

Austin and its contiguous territory offers many privileges to the camper or traveling tourist in the way of natural beauty and convenience for stopping places in making a camp. These spots have all been made very attractive by nature. The scenic beauty is unsurpassed. Great bluffs covered with live oak, cedar, mountain laurel, and wild flowers give varied touches of beauty throughout the year. In the cool caves and caverns are found long fronds of sword and maidenhair ferns. Plenty of fire wood is found at all of these camping spots, and at most of these places there are good fishing points without restrictions. Almost any part of this territory can be reached by automobile. Some of these camping places are Deep Eddy, Barton Springs, Bull Creek, Pease Park, Cox Crossing and Hammett's Crossing.

Springs and Wells

In the city of Austin and in the adjacent territry there are several deep weels and springs where water of the highest medicinal quality flows out in great abundance. Among those noted wells is the one which supplies the hot sulphur baths in the Perry Building, also the deep well which supplies the baths of the Driskell hotel. The Capitol well, located on the Capitol grounds, constantly flows a stream of mineral water for all those who wish to drink.

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THE LEGISLATIVE GRIND

The 39th session of the Texas legislature opened in regular form with Secretary of State, Harry Hutchins, in the chair, the usual proceedings of calling the roll of members present, after which the oath of office was administered to them in chorus. Then the contest for Speaker of the House was in order, three candidates were nominated by several friends, and the balloting began for Lee Sattrewhite, T. K. Irwin and J. W. Hall, after taking six ballots, Mr. Satterwhite was elected by a majority over both the other contestants, and which was made unanimous by expressions of Mr. Irwin and Mr. Hall. Mr. Satterwhite was escorted to the Chair, and after a short speech of thanks, proceeded to the organization of the House by the election of officers, clerks, stenographers, pages and porters and finally, appointing the several committees, which required about two days to complete.

The personel of the 39th averages up well with that of its predecessors, and appearances indicate harmony and service for the people throughout the session.

From the time of the convening on the 13th until Mrs. Miriam A. Ferguson was inaugurated, the Capital city was stiring with strangers and great preparations were being made for that eventful event, little else was heard on the streets or 'round the Capitol but gossip about the next governor, a woman, the first in the history of the State, and of course, a very unusual thing for any State.

The day for the Inauguration of Governor Ferguson, January 20th, arrived and the city actually overflowed with men and women from every corner of the State. Probably ten thousand visitors were in the city to witness the ceremonies, though many of them were never able to get near enough to see or hear the proceedings. The ball given in honor of the incoming governor, was held at three different places, the Senate Chamber, the Stephen F. Austin and Driskill hotels, and then little enjoyment or satisfaction was possible because of the immense crowds.

Mrs. Ferguson, undoubtedly, as governor has a golden opportunity to make a splendid record, following as she does the record of the outgoing administration, and undoubtedly, also, the people of the State have deep seated hopes.

The Senate found the names of many recent appointments awaiting their action and some disappointments surely prevailed, for while several of them were confirmed, many failed of approval and our claims of "all things equal" give it to the winner, does not always hold good, and governmental policies should be changed to merit, especially in the working end of the administration of government, but we'll not have it until the people want it, and goodness only knows when that moment will arrive.

But, we'll "fergit it" and look forward to the future of the working and the results to be attained by the legislature, for the hopper is now in action and the bills are streaming through it to land in the trash can or become laws of our State.

Some wholesome legislation is being entered for the race, but little is known now the end of any of it. Of course, the per diem and expense bills for the session, went through in record time. That is as it should be, for the men who serve their state as law makers get little enough as wages, and it ought to be paid in advance, but they do get it weekly and it is indeed "weakly" in amount.

Speaking of the pay of legislators, The Journal has supported that question when offered as an emendment to our constitution, and we shall be glad indeed, when the day comes that they shall be paid something like a just wage for their arduous services.

The legislation of the Train and Engine Brotherhoods have been drawn and introduced, and it looks quite favorable for them going through, though this cannot be taken seriously by our constituency, because, when a labor bill goes into the legislative hopper its career is usually hazardous and meets much opposition from those who do not like to be required to do right by statute, but they fail to do it without, so what can be done otherwise?

On the eve of the inauguration of Mrs. Miriam A. Ferguson, the committee of ONE HUNDRED seeking to put on a show celebrating the Independence of Texas, quoting their motto, "Texanize Texas," met in Austin for the purpose of discussing ways and means, and adjourned until March the second when they will again convene in Dallas. This promises to be a show that will attract thousands of visitors from all over the world. A wonderful advertisement for Texas.

The Federal Child Labor Amendment run the gauntlet of the Federal Relations Committee of the Senate on the evening of the 22nd of January, and was rejected by that committee, by a majority report of six to one, Senator Chas. A. Murphy of Houston, being the only member of the committee present voting for the amendment, and who gave notice of a minority report. It is quite likely, however, that the amendment will finally be rejected by the Senate.

About ten leading women of the State were present and through representatives spoke strongly in favor of the passage of the amendment, as well as representatives of organized labor. The representative of the Manufacturer's Association, or Union, of Texas made a very eloborate report of conditions in the State of child labor, and advocated the defeat of the amendment, and who had his speech carefully written down, though he had some trouble in unloading it on the committee clerk, expecting to have it written or printed , in the Journal, we assumed, and if it does appear there it will make that copy of the Journal a valuable document? we don't think.

The amendment to the constitution to permit the garnishment of 15 per cent of wages earned by personal service, was heard in the House committee on constitutional amendments night of the 22nd, presented by a Mr. Tucker of Fort Worth, not certain who he was representing, except that a "committee had authorized him to present it to the legislature. Mr. Tucker presented, what appeared to have been indorsements of the question, though only two or three of them were read.

It developed early in the hearing, that several at least, of the committee were opposed to the submission, and they so expressed themselves. In addition, organized labor appeared in opposition and the final report of the committee, inexecutive session, reported against submitting the amendment, we understand, by a unanimous vote. So it would appear that this question is settled in so far as this session of the legislature is concerned, and which the representatives of organized labor feel satisfied, because, of what we believe it to have been extremely unfair to the wage earners of Texas and especially, the lower paid and the unorganized working people, both male and female.

What is generalyy known as the Highway Commission bill, in which is incorporated the regulation of motor driven vehicles for hire came up for consideration before the House Committee the 23rd, at which time a subcommittee was appointed to act with a similar committee of the Senate to go over the bill carefully and consider several amendments which the bus and truck men desired, and there appears to be every indication that the bill after the sub-committee finishes their work and report to the House and Senate committees, it will be favorably reported and finally enacted into law. There seems, at this time, that the acceptance of this regulation is favored by most every member of the committee, and it is generally agreed that such regulation is necessary and desired by all interests concerned.

Governor Ferguson in her first message submitted a special tax to be levied on cigars and cigaretts, sufficient to realize something like four million dollars, and it appears to have found strong and favorable sentiment. That is the proper place to place tax, on luxuries, and if possible, unload the present high tax from real and personal property. The bill has been introduced and we think it is probable that it will become a law.

Investigations are becoming papular again with the legislature, and no doubt there are a plenty of reasons for them, but one feels that there are purposes, or malicious intent in any of the official family doing things that bring about the demand for investigations. The penitentiary manattack this year, and which will, unagement seems to be the main point of doubtedly, bring reforms by and through the present administration,

for it is already pledged to that result.

Our old friend, Augustas Barry of Walnut Springs, visited the Capital city a few days during the inauguration of Governor Miriam Ferguson, and we don't like to tell all the truth about Gus, but if his friends back home could have seen him dancing the "highland fling," dressed in fashionable attire, high hat, white vest and his satan-tailed coat, they would have been surprised, for when he left home he was troubled with feet action, but when music began to waft across the hall—well, Gus just could not hold 'em down, and the night was spent, very pleasantly, thank you, said Gus.

Well, all the "great expectations" of sending Railroad Commissioner Gilmore to the Federal Interstate Commission has gone to the winds that never return. Of course, that character of propaganda by the railroads of Texas and their boosters, only do one thing, and that thing is the only result sought, that the commissioner is to be made stronger at home. This is not the first time this character of propaganda has been put out for a man on the Texas commission, and that will wear out after awhile, we are inclined to think.

The Federal Child Labor Amendment submitted to the Texas legislature came up in the Senate a few days following the committee adverse report, and where Senator Murphy made another strong appeal, asking delay on the Senate action, but no use, it was billed for defeat and it went out by a vote of 19 to 2, Senators Murphy and Wood voting for Murphy's minority committee report. Senator Murphy made a valliant fight, single and alone, and lost, but Senator Murphy will live to see his position adopted by a sufficient majority to protect the child life of this nation. Organized labors position only maintained its record from its creation.

Murphy's Minority Report on Child Labor Amendment

"I am of the opinion that the consideration given to this resolution and the haste with which a decision favorable to its adoption by the committee was reached, indicate no real attention worthy of such, was given it. The subject of the child labor resolution has long been considered in this country and, while action had been from State to State, it was found that it was impossible to have satisfactory regulation by States as long as the States adjoining declined to take proper action. The proposed consitutional amendment is for the protection of children who know not the name of the town, county or State in which they live and who hardly know the name of their great country, and know nothing of its history or its traditions, who yet must have called to the right of continued enslavement of their bodies, profound political doctrines.

"In opposing this resolution and in supporting the child labor amendment, I feel that I walk as companion with

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"No one has yet asked that the amendment to the Constitution be ratified, and I believe that the better policy would be to let this subject remain here before the people of Texas until they have sufficient opportunity to discuss the matter and inform themselves thereon."

According to a bill which has already passed the House, the Markets and Warehouse Departments and the Weights and Measure Departments are to be consolidated with the Agricultural Department of State, and may be followed by some other consolidation of departments. However, there are some bills that seek new creations, but whether they will reach final and favorable action of both houses or not remains to be seen.

Economy is, undoubtedly, to be harkened to by this legislature. In its general demeanor it is quite critical in most all matters which come before it for consideration, and the fellow with "a little bill" who may start out with a bright future, in his own mind, has many gauntlets to run between the introduction and the final passage of that bill. The labor boards are having their troubles, too, and what they may come out with at the end of the session may be a proverbial goose egg. At one time the Bus and Truck regulation bill had a bright side to it, but it may fall under the ban of the 39th when the gavel falls.

At one time it looked like the Clearance Bill of the Trainmen would be an agreed bill, but there appears now to be some stumbling blocks in the way, and the deckless engine bill, both of which are meritorious measures, may be in the scrap heap when adjournment time arrives.

The House, as well as the Senate, has killed the Federal Child Labor Amendment, the main reason for which appears to be the question of State's rights, and on the other hand the garnishment amendment offered to this legislature for submission to the people was thrown in the waste basket by the House committee, and which ends all our troubles over that question. There never appeared any real sentiment for this amendment, and which goes to show the law makers, individually, as well as collectively, soon discover what and when the people wish to vote on amendments to their constitution.

The lady governor is surrounding herself with men and women of character and ability, and every indication seems to point to a successful administration of the affairs of State. "Jim, the carrier of wood and water" is not doing anything except when orders are sent him, out at the woodshed, they are observed and obediently carried out.

Our new Labor Commissioner, E. J. Crooker of Denison, took office the first and we'll attend to him later through these columns.

General Chairmen Crawford and Halloway of the Santa Fe, were visiting in the Capital city last month on business for their organizations.

The penitentiary investigation, as usual, is on, and some startling developments are promised. This has been attacked many times in the past years, but real publicity seems possible now, and which is the only real relief to come to this, what appears to be, a much abused authority of public officials. The brutality which seems true, and which is unbearable by human beings, may be, finally, discarded and some other way of proper punishment be inaugurated.

It seems now certain that the "clearance" bill, being Senate bill 56, and the preferential measure of the Trainmen, will be enacted into law, as the House committee reported it out favorable, and it has already passed the Senate. Other measures of the brotherhood's measures are still in the "distance" though some hope of passage.

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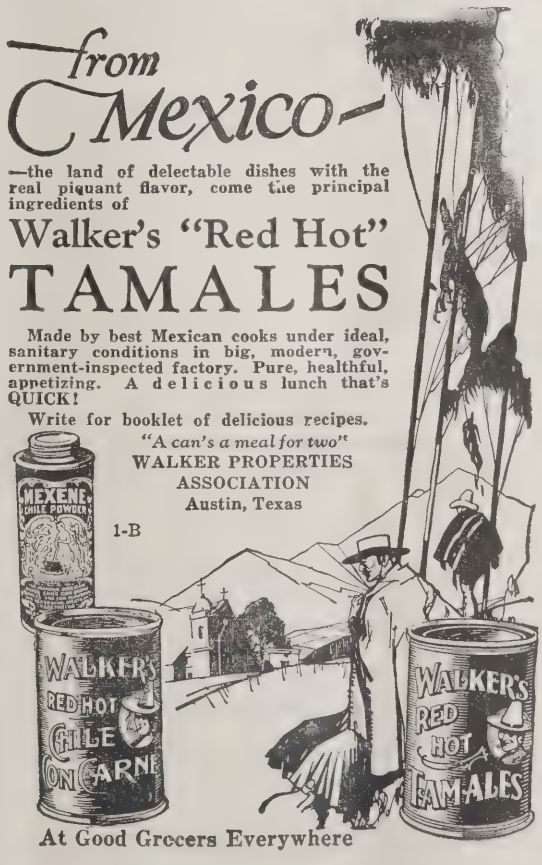

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East of the city are the wonderful R. and G. wells.

Points of Interest

No city in the South is richer in romance and history than the City of Austin. The following points of interest are merely suggestive of what can be found in this locality.

The great granite Capitol building, 317 feet in height, built of Texas granite, covering six acres, and costing 3,000,000 acres of Texas land.

The State Library in the Capitol, containing old treaties between the Republic of Texas and foreign nations and a large amount of other historical material.

The State Treasury in the Capitol.

The Governor's Reception Room, with its Texas mesquite and cherry furniture. Second floor of Capitol.

The House of Representatives and the Senate Chamber with their notable paintings. Second floor of Capitol.

The Confederate Museum in the Old Land Office Building.

The Supreme Court, Third floor of the Capitol.

The famous Driskell hotel with its light airy rooms and wide corridors provide a quiet resting place for visitors to Austin. A most delightful place to stay.

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The old home of the French Ambassador to Texas. Only building ever built by a foreign country in America. East Eighth street.

Lake Austin

For twenty-nine miles above the city Lake Austin reaches into the hills. This lake is formed by a dam 65 feet high and 1275 feet long. On this lake in 1894 Stansbury, of Australia, won the world's championship in the international regatta. Innumerable pleasure boats, both large and small, extend a cool welcome to the tourist and visitor. The bathing beaches are more popular than the seashore. Truly the traveler finds that Austin has not neglected the things of beauty and pleasure in the building of a city.

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HOW OUR WATER POWER IS BEING GIVEN AWAY

As soon as the Water Power Bill was passed, private corporations which before had held off because of the insecurity of their investment, flooded the commission with applications for licenses. The 1922 report of the Commission glories in the fact that, in the two years of the operation of the act, more than three hundred twenty-one opplications were received involving an excess of 20,000,000 horsepower, an amount "more than twice the existing water power installation of the United States, and more than six times the aggregate of all applications for water sites under Federal control in the preceding twenty years," and one-third of potential horsepower in the country under present conditions. For a new filed of highly profitable and safe investments had been opened up to the business interests overnight.

Action on applications involving nearly half of these 20,000,000 horsepower—namely, those on the St. Lawrence, the Columbia and the Colorado rivers—has been temporarily suspended pending reports of investigating commissions and, in the case of the St. Lawrence river, a possible treaty with Canada. During 1921-1922, however, licenses were granted for the operation of plants with a capacity of nearly 2,000,000, and preliminary permits for the construction of plants with an even larger capacity (2,400,000) were granted.

A fifty year license was issued, for instance, to the Niagara Falls Power Company, and this company was permitted the use for the next fifty years of 19,500 cubic feet per second from the upper Niagara, out of a possible 20,000 cubic feet, which treaty agreements with Canada permit this country to divert from the Falls. A similar license was issued to the Southern California Edison Company. Still another firm had obtained a preliminary permit to survey the water possibilities of the lower Niagara. The Commisison regrets that it hasn't been able to attend to all of the applications, and is intent on leasing the available water power to private companies in the shortest possible time.

If the policy of the Federal Water Power Commission prevails, before many years practically all of the water power rights on the public lands and navigable streams of the United States will have been given away to private corporations for a period of from 25 to 50 years, chiefly for the latter period. Once under private control, it will be indeed difficult to get the water power and the plants into the hands of the public.—Norman Thomas.

REAL PROGRESSIVENESS

We are deeply interested in the announcement that the Needle Trades Union of New York, chiefly through the medium of their two banks, the Amalgamated and the International Union Bank, are to encourage the building of attractive modern apartments in place of the unsanitary tenements in which too many of their members now live. Their first venture will soon be begun on a modest and experimental scale. With all our hearts we hope that it will succeed, for we can imagine no better use to which the labor unions can put their financial strength than in providing decent and attractive housing, on a sound financial basis, without profiteering.—Norman Thomas.

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Indianapolis, Ind.—Instruction and drills in eye movement will be included in the proofreading course of the International Typographical Union educational training for apprentices, according to union officials.

By use of moving pictures an analysis of eye movement in reading proof has been made in England, which offers some explanation for the wide difference in capability among proof readers. Photographs of a moving film supplied Dr. H. D. Kitson of London with accurate scientific information with which to determine one of the chief reasons for erratic proof reading.

It has been found that a good proof reader will read nearly twice as rapidly with fewer errors than a poor proof reader, whose intelligence in a general sense is the equal of the former.

Concerning the tests of Dr. Kitson, results of which will be used in the I. T. U. course, the London Typographical Journal says:

"Measurement of the number and direction of eye jumps, as well as the number and length of pauses, is made by means of a moving film, upon which is photographed a ray of violet light, as it is reflected into and out of the proof reader's eye. The light is interrupted every fiftieth of a second by a tuning fork, vibrating at that rate.

"Eye movements are shown on a film as a series of dots, each representing one-fiftieth of a second.

"By means of this ingenious and highly technical device, it is possible to state some of the serious causes of poor work. Whereas the good reader averages 7.4 pauses to the line, the poor reader pauses 11.0 times. Moreover, the poor reader paused longer, averaging 19.3 fiftieth of a second to the good reader's 17.3.

"Jerks and back reading were found to constitute a third reason for poor proof reading. Wider variance in both number and length of pauses caused irregularity. The good reader paused seven or eight times to the line, the poor reader nine to thirteen times. The good reader pased 15.4 to 18.8 fiftieths of a second, the poor reader paused 13.7 to 22.9, his eye jerking too quickly from one pause and resting too long on the next.

"Such facts as these indicate clearly that the first physical secret of good proof reading is to move the eye rapidly from one segment of the line to another, thus making fewer pauses, to pause on each fixation the shortest possible time, and to move with calm regularity without retracting."

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"A plan to bring about a huge super-power combination through the purchase of stock interest in a number of the largest and most prosperous public utility corporations in the country received substantiation today when the interstate identified with the American Super-Power Corporation became known."

Then followed a list of officers and directors, men prominent in the General Electric Company, the Electric Bond and Share Company, the Public Service Corporation of America, the United Gas Improvement Company, the United Light and Power Company, etc.

"Since the incorporation of the American Super-Power Corporation in November," continues the article, "its activities have been conducted with the utmost secrecy so far as the general public is concerned. According to the corporation's own statment to its stockholders, it was organized to acquire interests in the various power and light companies in the United States and to co-operate with the management of such companies to further the best interests of the electrical industry. The properties mentioned, with their affiliated companies," the Times states, "serve communities in virtually every part of the country * * * and it is believed that its objective is eventually a power arrangement of the first magnitude, embracing not only a tie-up of the properties mentioned, but additional properties in which the company is entitled under its articles of incorporation to acquire interest."—Norman Thomas.

FAKE STOCK SALES HEAVY

New York, Jan. 3.—A survey of fake stock sales throughout the country shows that this loss will amount to $6 for every man, woman and child in the United States. The largest contributors are mine and factory workers, chiefly of foreign birth. The highest per capita loss of any town or group of towns, $40, was reported by seven adjoining towns in Pennsylvania.

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STANDING FIRM

The good women of Texas are standing firm for the reforms sought for the protection of child life and child welfare. They are at Austin in the capacity that cannot be misunderstood. They are going before the committees of the Senate and the House and making their wishes known. They are really in this work as never before and the record they are making will blaze out in the next campaign in this state, we predict, that will change sentiment for those reforms, instanter. The women do not appear to think of the dollar, at any stage of their progress before the legislature. They are not discussing what these reforms will cost in dollars and cents, but what they will mean in good healthy, intelligent and honest citizenship, including mind and body of humanity.

The gum shoe tread and the purring voice of those who seek to capitalize the labor of children and women are not effective to those women who come here upon their responsibility, to represent intelligent society, which recognizes the real injuries to that society because of the oppression in industry, for profits, regardless of cost of citizenship of this nation.

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There's a reason of course, and that reason lies in the fact that the vested interests are not now, never have been paying their just share of the expenses of the government and every wire that can be laid is being carefully put in place by those interests to avoid any possible chance of their plans going awry, not only during the present session but for other sessions, and into other years.

Our educational needs are forcing this issue, perhaps, more than any one need of this State. And when investigations are made, the shoulders of the ordinary people are found to be already sore from this burden, and, naturally, other fields are sought, and which invariably, point to the property and interests which has been, for so long, escaping notice of the tax gatherer, and when the homestead of that fellow is located—no one seems to be at home and the "plot thickens".

Instead of being in his own reception room, surrounded by his goods and chattels, he is seen from the house tops shouting "tax reform." He's the influential citizen of his community but never suspected of being the real tax dodger in that community. He gives freely of his means—if he is permitted to give, and not be made to pay. There is not very many of these good citizens, compared to our population, but they control the government, precinct to nation, and that too, without such control being generally known—but do it just the same.

There should be tax reform, now that the system is out of harmony with the original intentions of our fathers, and if ever again established, it ought to be maintained forever, and ever, and then some.

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AN IMPORTANT DOCUMENT

Dallas, Texas,
February 4, 1925.

File 588—Proposed Legislation on Locomotive Construction.

Mr. J. A. Glen,
Chairman Legislative Committee,
Austin, Texas.

Dear Sir:

In connection with Texas House Bill 300, Act to regulate construction of Locomotive Tanks and Tenders:

This Bill if passed would affect 112 locomotives on the Texas and Pacific Railway out of a total ownership of 365. This railway operates the following engines in Texas which would not be affected by the Act:

22 Pacific type passenger.
2 Atlantic type passenger.
11 Mikado type freight.
44 Santa Fe type freight.
10 Consolidation type freight.
40 ten wheel type freihgt.
39 ten wheel switch.
10 ten wheel passenger.

In addition 65 small engines assigned in Louisiana which at times enter Texas are affected by the Act.

The locomotives owned which would be affected are:

68 ten wheel engines requiring redesign and re-construction to comply with the Act requiring that the engineer and fireman can at all times see each other from their normal position in the cab. These engines would require new frames, deck castings, braces, buffer and pulling arrangement between engine and tender, new cabs and re-design of reversing mechanism and throttle arrangement, necessary change in piping and wiring, with relocation of boiler appurtenances at an estimated cost of $7,200.00 per engine.

30 ten wheel engines used in switching service which would have to be equipped with full decks, tenders redesigned and re-constructed. It would be necessary to apply new frames, deck castings, braces, buffer and pulling arrangement. Between engine and tender, new cabs, re-design of reversing mechanism and throttle arrangement, change in piping and wiring with re-location of boiler appurtenances at an estimated cost of $7,220.00 per engine. They would also require new tenders at a cost of $9,000.00 each. Total expenditure of $16,220.00 per engine in this class to comply with the Act.

We have an ownership of 14 modern ten wheel switch engines built during the period of Federal control of railroads, under the direction of the Federal Government and from the standard design and construction worked out by the United States Railway Administration. The tender of these engines are high and would not comply with the proposed Act. It would be necessary to re-design and re-construct the water and fuel oil tanks of these engines at an estimated cost of $1,300.00 each.

The cost of the proposed House Bill 300, if passed, would mean to the Texas & Pacific Railway an expenditure as follows:

Reconstruct 68 engines to provide full decks at $7,220.00 each	$ 490,960.00
Reconstruct 30 engines to provide full decks and low tenders at $16,220.00 each	486,600.00
Reconstruct 14 switch engine tenders at $1,300.00 each	18,200.00
Total cost	$995,760.00

The age and light design of the 30 engines used in switching service is such that an expenditure of $16,220.00 per engine to provide full decks and low tender would not be considered justifiable on the part of the management and in the event that Act was passed it would mean the purchase of 30 new switch engines at a cost of $39,000 each to replace and retire the engines now in this service.

The additional expense incurred would make the cost of the Act, if passed, to the Texas & Pacific Railway as follows:

Reconstrut 68 engines at $7,220.00 each	$ 490,960.00
30 new ten wheel switch at $39,99 each	1,170,000.00
Reconstruct tenders of 14 engines at $1,300 each	18,200.00
Total cost	$1,679,160.00

Will try to see you in person and go more fully into details, Friday the sixth inst.

Yours truly,
(Signed) A. P. PANDERGAST.

CC—Mr. Lancaster.
Mr. Somerville.

The above letter is of some interest to the railway employes of the Texas and Pacific, and we wonder how nearly those statements are true, of the number of engines on that railroad that would come under "House Bill 300," and as to the real cost of the change, provided there are as many "deckless" engines as stated in the communication.

There has been few, if any bills submitted by the railway employes of Texas to the legislature asking relief of dangerous equipment, but what the companies estimates ever fell below the "million" dollar mark, if they were required to meet the demand of the employes, and most of such measures have been defeated in the past by misrepresentation, while the above statement could be an exception to the rule.

Our columns are always open to discuss matters of importance having to do with legislation in the Southwest.

One peculiar thing about the "deckless engine" question is, that in 1915 the general manager's association, through its then president, Mr. Hill, made an agreement with the representative of the Locomotive Engineers, C. D. Johnson, (deceased) that within four years from that date they would do away with deckless engines. But, of course, agreements are agreements and many men make 'em and some men break 'em, and so it goes.

The railway managers fully realize the danger to the enginemen in the operation of those engines, and the letter from Mr. Pendergast, relative to the many such engines and the awful cost to them to make the change, is really no credit to him or to that road, especially, when one realizes what wonderful? strides the railroads are making in their advocacy of "safety first"—by their employes—of course it doesnt or should not apply to the management, because the equipment road bed and all that they have in charge and control does not enter into the matter of causing accidents? —we don't think.

EVIDENCE A PLENTY

More significant than many of the eulogies of Samuel Gompers is the simple fact that his estate is reported not to exceed $30,000 in value. That is pretty good proof that Samuel Gompers cared for other things more than wealth. Imagine the chances for easy money and profitable investments which must have come in the way of the president of the American Federation of Labor during more than three decades of service. The man who is discouraged by an occasional Brindell in the labor movement ought to remember the modest size of Gomper's estate.—By Norman Thomas.

Judge Kittrell, member of the 39th from Harris County, introduced a couple of bills that if enacted into law will be difficult to live up to, of those who may even look wishful upon the cursed fluid of intoxocation.

The legislature has finally passed the Anti-Mask Bill, and it will, after the approval of the Governor, become a law. It was known as the Mankin Bill.

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By F. J. Bailey

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During all the years that I have been in the railroad service and a member of the Brotherhoods I have been desirous of seeing a good, strong conscientious publication that will not only protect the interest and conserve the welfare of the organized workers, but will at the same time give honest value to advertisers whose support is essential to the success and widening influence of the publication itself.

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I sincerely hope that The Southwestern Railway Journal, under the present able and honest management, may be able to arouse a sentiment in the ranks of the Brotherhoods that will lead to the exposure and elinmination of the parasites from the field, that the support of the friendly business interests may be given where it will bring returns in full measure, and at the same time enable the publishers to produce a periodical that will be a source of pride to the railroad interests of the Southwest, both as to the employes and the management.

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Green vs Jones
18 Law Reporter 79 (Arkansas)

Convict labor in Arkansas Proscribed. Right of citizen to bring suit against an administrative board upheld.

The officers of the Arkansas State Federation of Labor brought suit against the Board of Penitentiary Commissioners to restrain them from hiring out and leasing the convicts confined in the State penitentiary. The complaint stated the plaintiffs were all citizens and taxpayers and that the board had entered into contracts for the hire and lease of convicts, and that such hiring and leasing was in violation of the statutes. A demurrer was first interposed and later an answer was filed, claiming the right to lease the convicts and making a copy of the contract an exhibit to the answer. The chancellor held that the plaintiffs had no such interest in the matter complained of as to entitle them to maintain this action and the complaint was dismissed for want of equity. The plaintiffs appealed and the decision of the Supreme Court follows:

"It may be stated at the outset that a State penitentiary is necessarily a State institution, and that taxation for the support and maintenance of it may be levied upon the property situated within the State. The Legislature has full power to pass statutes relative to the custody, care and control of persons convicted of crime. Our Legislature has created a Penitentiary Commission and vested it with authority to manage and control convicts sentenced to the State Penitentiary under the provisions and regulations prescribed by the statute. Crawford & Moses' Digest, chapter 164, subdivision 13, and General Acts of 1921, p. 50.

"The chancery court held that the plaintiffs had no legal capacity to bring the suit, and, on this account, dismissed their complaint for want of equity. This holding was based upon the opinion of the chancellor that the plaintiffs had no such special interest in the matter as would entitle them to bring the suit.

"We think the learned chancellor erred in so holding. Section 13 of article 16 of the Constitution of 1874 provides that any citizen of any county may institute a suit in behalf of himself and all others interested to protect the inhabitants thereof against the enforcement of any illegal exactions whatever. Under this section this court has uniformly upheld the jurisdiction of chancery courts, upon the application of citizens and taxpayers, to enjoin the collection of illegal taxes levied on their property.

"As we have already seen, the Legislature has created the Penitentiary Commission and intrusted it with the duty of controlling and managing convicts sentenced to the State Penitentiary, and also of operating the State prison under the regulations prescribed by statute. Such a commission is merely an administrative board created by the State for carrying into effect the public policy of the State with regard to the management of its convicts as expressed by its legislation. The control and management of the State convicts and the operation of the State prison necessarily involves the expenditure of large sums of money, which can only be obtained by

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taxes levied upon the property situated in the State, or by profits derived from working the convicts in some way. The management and operation of the State Penitentiary may be wrongfully administered by the officers intrusted with its management, so as to make such administration an illegal burden and exaction upon the taxpayers of the State. The public policy of the State is to be determined from the acts of the Legislature regulating the management of the penitentiary, and if those intrusted therewith should violate the statutes designed to regulate their conduct in the premises, it will be readily seen that illegal taxation may be the result of such mismanagement and violation of the statute. The question is not so much what has been done as what can be done in the premises.

"Each citizen and taxpayer has an interest, where his pecuniary or property rights are involved, in seeing that no administrative board like the one now under consideration shall discharge its duties in a manner violative of the statute creating it, and specifically defining the duties that it may perform as well as the things which it shall not do. This holding conforms to our previous decisions on the principles of law involved. Russell v. Tate, 152 Ark.; Griffin v. Rhoton, 85 Ark. 89, and Farrell v. Oliver, 146 Ark. 599.

"In the first mentioned case it was held that the taxpayers of a town may maintain a suit in equity to prevent the misapplication of its funds, and that a chancery court has power in such a case to grant affirmative as well as injunctive relief.

"In the second case cited, the court held that a citizen and taxpayer may bring suit to compel a State officer to refund the excess of his salary or fees over the constitutional limit thereto, after the Attorney General has refused to do so.

"In the case last cited, the court held that a citizen and taxpayer, under the clause of the Constitution above referred to, can maintain a suit in equity to prevent a misapplication of State funds as well as of the funds of counties, cities or towns. In that case the court sustained the suit of a taxpayer seeking to enjoin an appropriation for the maintenance of the industrial schools, which appropriation was not made in the manner required by the Constitution, and was therefore invalid. In that case the court also approved the doctrine announced by the Supreme Court of Illinois to the effect that taxpayers may resort to a court of equity to prevent the misapplication of public funds, and that this right is based upon the taxpayers' equitable ownership of such funds, and their inability to replenish the public treasury for the deficiency which should be caused by the misappropriation.

"It appears, from reading the contract which is sought to be enjoined in this cause, that it provides that the Arkansas State Penitentiary Commission shall furnish all board, including food, and its preparation for the convicts supplied under the contract, and all blankets and cover needed; and shall deliver the convicts to the place where they are to work, and remove them therefrom, as well as to supply, at the commission's expense, all guards, cooks and help needed for the care and handling and support of said convicts, without responsibility upon the part of said corporation not expressly assumed in the contract.

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public treasury. It is no answer to say that the money received from hiring the convicts would repay the sum so expended. This might or might not be the case. The taxpayer has a special interest in the matter because, in the first instance, the expense agreed to be borne must necessarily come out of the public treasury.

"But it is insisted that, under the authorities cited above, the taxpayers could not bring suit because the bill contains no allegation that the Attorney General was requested to bring the action and failed or refused to do so. While there is no direct and express allegation in the bill that the Attorney General refused to bring the action, yet the facts disclosed by the record show what is equivalent to such refusal. The present suit was filed on January 25, 1924. The present Penitentiary Commission was created by the Legislature of 1921. The complaint alleges that many convicts are now and have been for many months prior to the filing of the suit hired and leased to individuals, firms, partnerships and corporations for the purpose of clearing land, constructing houses,, levees, dams and public improvements, in violation of the statute.

"The complaint further alleges that a great number of convicts are now and have, for many months prior to the filing of the suit, been employed in constructing a dam known as the Remmel Dam, in Hot Spring County, Arkansas.

"It appears from the record that the Attorney General is representing the Penitentiary Commissioners in the defense of this action. The facts expressly show that the Attorney General has failed to act, and that the delay has been for such length of time, without any excuse therefor, that a legal presumption arises that he has refused to bring the action. Therefore the plaintiffs are entitled to maintain the suit, under the authorities above cited. This makes it necessary for us to determine whether or not the contract in question is illegal.

"Section 9692 of Crawford & Moses' Digest provides that the convicts in the penitentiary shall not be worked within the corporate limits of the city of Little Rock, except on public improvements and buildings and grounds owned by the State.

"Section 9693 provides for their employment on a State farm, and prescribes the manner of regulating their employment there.

"Section 9694 provides that the commission shall not hire out, or lease or permit any person to hire out or lease any of the convicts of this State, to any person or persons whomsoever.

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"It is agreed that the convicts have not been leased within the meaning of the statute, because their physical control is under the supervision and direction of guards and wardens appointed by the Penitentiary Commission. The physical custody of the convicts by the guards and wardens appointed by the Penitentiary Commission does not and cannot prevent the contract from being one of hiring out or leasing the convicts. Such a construction of the statute would, in effect, render it useless and ineffectual for the purpose for which it was enacted.

"The public policy of the State, as shown by the legislattive will, was to prevent letting of the convicts to persons or corporations to be worked by them for private gain. To allow the contracts to stand would be contrary to the policy of the law, as tending obviously to result in the violation of the purpose and spirit of our statute prescribing the rules and regulations which are to govern the Penitentiary Board in the control and working of the State convicts.

"The result of our views is that the decree must be reversed, and the cause will be remanded with directions to the chancery court to grant the prayer of the complaint and to restrain the Arkansas State Penitentiary Commission and the members thereof from hiring out and leasing the State convicts.

"It is so ordered."

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THE ETERNAL QUESTION

Admittedly true that the tax question is the paramount question any time and all the time, but to us the point of argufying it too many times, is bewildering. Recent claims for higher, or rather, more taxes, is defended by the argument that the State is increasing in population and industry and that more taxes must be forthcoming, and the question bobs up against the lid of our old think box, why the increase in taxes does not keep pace with the increase in population and industry?

And we are unable to satisfy ourselves just why? Don't those coming into the State pay taxes? Don't the rising, or establishing of industry increase values for taxation? Of course, we know sometimes industry is exempted for tax for a given number of years, (any of which we have never agreed to) but this has not been done to any great extent, and, therefore, why the eternal question of shortage in money to operate the government?

We readily understand that it takes more money to run a government of large population than one of small population, but doesn't the larger population pay a greater amount in taxes than does a smaller population? Shux! We cannot adjust our think machinery to agree with this idea that as the population grows—as industry increases, taxes MUST be boosted. Evidently there's something wrong with the phrase "equal and uniform taxation." But when you come to argue that question, there is no one to be found who shies away from the payment of his just part of the cost of His government.

The issuance of bonds too is foolish, from our point of view. A government cannot afford to buy beyond its means any more than an individual. But you say, that's different—where is the difference, and why and the result?

THE LEGISLATIVE GRIND

The Trainmen's preferential measure passed both houses, and was signed by the Governor. It was an agreed bill. The auto truck and bus regulation bill was defeated in the House. The "deckless engine bill was defeated in the House committee, though it was brought out on a minority report but has no chance for passage. For good and sufficient reasons the Terminal Removal Bill was abandoned, and will not be introduced at this session. This answers the result of the Legislative Board's work in so far as reference to bills that were adopted at Amarillo last April. There has been much work for the Board, however, from a defensive position, for many bills were introduced that would have done violence from many angels.

The general trend appears more reactionary by the present session than any past session for many years, and this is not especially intended as a criticism, but a repeated assertion heard from many sources. Many important bills have been introduced this session, and, undoubtedly, this session has worked continuously and more effectively than any for several years.

The Amnesty Bill, seeking to restore the political rights of James E. Ferguson, is one of the important measures, and one that has brought unusual interest throughout the State. Another bill introduced and promptly enacted was the Free Pass Bill, but the Governor vetoed that bill, and there is little hope of its advocates in seeing it become a law over the veto. In fact, it seems there will be no attempt to pass it over the veto.

Another bill of state-wide importance is the repeal of the Robertson Insurance law, or that provision of it which the large insurance companies left the State several years because of its requirements of a certain amount of investment of its earnings in Texas, be made in this State.

Many amendments to the State Constitution have been submitted, and several of them already approved, and some others yet will be, it appears, approved and submitted to the people at some future election for approval by the people. It would seem that in the failure of getting a constitutional convention in the past, that this is a general effort to amend it as desired.

The penitentiary investigation is stiring sentiment throughout the State in favor of some radical changes and the result of just what they will be is still in the future at this writing. The evidence has brought much bitter feeling, because of strong criticism of the management of that institution.

The appropriation bills are well along toward completion, and while it is doubtful whether they shall all be finished by the regular session, it is not impossible that they may be passed before adjournment of the regular session. Many reductions, even from the amounts submitted by the Board of Control, and some few increases, but upon the whole it would appear that the result may show a tendency to economy, as most everybody, in and out of political life, realizes this is a real necessity, and because of the campaign made last year for this result. After quite a bit of trouble in filling vacancies on the Board of Regents of the University, it has been completed and the Board met in Austin and reorganized, and the apparent dissatisfaction relative thereto, has subsided and things in this direction are settling down to the original object, "A University of the first class."

We have received several inquiries about the free pass bill which was introduced the 3rd of February, and from some the inquiry has been made, "Will The Journal give the vote on the measure?" in the House and Senate. So below we are carrying the vote as it was cast.

"S. B. 175, a bill to be entitled, an Act to permit the issuance to, and use by Senators and members of the House of Representatives and their families of free railroad transportation and sleeping car accomodations."

The first record vote in the Senate came on second reading, and the bill was engrossed by the following vote:

Yeas—13.

Berkeley, Parr, Bowers, Real, Davis, Russek, Hardin of Erath, Smith, Holbrook, Stuart, Moore of Hunt, Ward and Parnell.

Nays—10.

Hardin of Kaufman, Reid, Moore of Cooke, Strong, Murphy, Triplett, Pollard, Wirtz, Price and Wood.

Present—Not voting.

Floyd.

Absent.

Bailey, Witt, Fairchild, Woodward and Miller.

Absent—Excused.

Bledsoe and Lewis.

In Senate February 9:

Simple Resolution No. 33

By Senator Murphy.

Resolved, That the House be and it is hereby requested to return S. B. No. 175 to the Senate for further consideration.

The resolution was read and lost by the following vote:

Yeas—13.

Bledsoe, Murphy, Fairchild, Price, Floyd, Reid, Hardin of Kaufman, Strong, Holbrook, Triplett, Lewis, Wirtz and Moore of Cooke.

Nays—15.

Bailey, Real, Berkeley, Russek, Bowers, Smith, Davis, Stuart, Miller, Ward, Moore of Hunt, Witt, Parnell, Woodward and Parr.

Absent.

Hardin of Erath, Wood and Pollard.

In the House, February 11th.

Senate Bill 175, read third time, and passed finally, by the following vote:

Yeas—65.

Alexander of Limestone, Harman, Atkinson, Hoskins, Jacks, Baker of Orange, Jasper, Baker of Panola, Johnson, Barker, Jordan, Barron, Kayton, Bartlett, KeKnyon, Cade, Lane of Harrison, Conway, Lipscomb, Cummings, Loftin, Dale, Low, Daniels, Masterson, Dinkle, McDonald, Dunlap, Dunn of Falls, Dunn of Hopkins, Finlay, Foster, McGill, McKean, McNatt, Montgomery, Moore, Nicholson, Parish, Petsch, Poage, Pope, Powell, Raymer, Rowell, Runge, Sanford, Shearer, Sheats, Simmons, Smith of Travis, Stevenson, Storey, Stout, Strong, Taylor, Thompson, Tomme, Walker, Webb, Wells, Westbrook, Wester, Wilson and Woodruff.

Nays—48.

Acker, Harper, Albritton, High, Alexander of Bastrop, Hollowell, Kinner, Avis, Kittrell, Bean, Laird, Bedford, Lane of Hamilton, Blout, Mankin, Carter, Merritt, Chitwood, Pavlica, Coffey Pearce, Coody, Pool, Cox of Lamar, Rawlings, Cox of Navarro, Rice, Davis of Dallas, Rogers, Davis of Wood, Rowland, DeBerry, Simpson, Donnell, Sinks, Enderby, Sparks, Farrar, Stautzenberger, Fields, Stevens, Florence, Teer, Graves, Veatch, Gray, Wallace, Hagaman, Young, Hall.

Absent.

Bateman, King, Bobbitt, McBride, Boggs, McDougald, Bonham, McFarlane, Brown, Perdue, Covey, Purl, Downs, Renfro, Durham, Smith of

Nueces, Faulk, Smyth, Frnka, Stell, Houston, Wade, Kemble and Williamson.

Absent—Excused.

Amsler, Irwin, Bird, Jones, Bryant, Justice, Dielmann, Maxwell, Hull and Robinson.

The free pass bill was passed in the Senate without a record, but the two votes given shows about the line up on the pass question in the Senate.

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And then came help to the harassed little city in the guise of the West Texas Utilities Company, which had built its high lines into Roby and was suplying that city and Rotan, to the northwest with electric light and power. Overtures were made by the citizens to the West Texas Utilities Company, and the West Texas Utilities Company, recognizing the urgent need, met them half way. Negotiations resulted in the purchase of the railroad by the company, $10,000 being supplied by Roby citizens as their part in the rehabilitation process.

And thereupon began what was probably the most remarkable railroad transformation in the history of the Southwest. In the early summer of 1923 work began on the rebuilding of the Roby & Northern. A big force of laborers was thrown on the job. Rotting ties and warped and rusted rails gave way to heavy new creosoted ties and shining new steel. New bridges and culverts were built. Overhead trolley construction made its appearance. The old sheet metal shack that had served as a station at Roby was replaced with a natty little edifice of brick and tile and concrete. Finally there rolled onto the track a giant 90,000 pound electric car which for power and beauty had no superior in Texas. And on Nov. 22, 1923, celebrated by a great gathering of 5,000 citizens of the county at an inaugural barbecue dinner, the new Roby & Northern was dedicated to its job of keeping the traffic moving for Fisher County's capital.

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Its colleges represent a combined investment of more than a million dollars, an annual attendance of 1,500, and a faculty of more than sixty men and women. Her public schools are rated first class and enjoy credits with the State Department of Education, and the buildings of which run over $500,000, with an attendance of more than 2,500 pupils.

Well equipped hospitals, modern in every particular, and able to care for those needs. It is known as a city of home owners, with twelve miles of paved streets and 50 miles of paved side-walks.

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low rate of supply to its users and its tax rate is lower than any city of its size in the State. High and healthy altitude, with rainfall averaging 30 inches, covering the last five years.

No malaria in the Brownwood territory, and no sun-strokes, its milk supply absolutely pure. It has large manufacturing interests, which supply a large territory surrounding the city. Its rail facilities furnish service that excels most any other city in the State. It even enjoys a business of training polo ponies and supply many of the eastern markets with this output. Telegraph and telephone service is the best in the southwest, and has the next largest independent telephone system in the State.

The country in the Brownwood territory is noted for grain and cotton as well as for live stock, with a horse and mule market which ships hundreds of cars each year.

The business men vie with each other in seeing to it that their city does not lag at any time or for want of any improvement which will mark the steps of continued progress, and a welcome for the visitor is always in evidence. Good people over there lads, if you are on the square and The Journal is glad to inform the world, that it is appreciative indeed.

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The Crystal Ice and Cold Storage Company is to be congratulated upon securing the services of J. M. Bowman, ex-railroad linesman with the Santa Fe at Brownwood 18 years, as salesmanager. He is one of the popular railroad men in this section.

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GREENVILLE, TEXAS NOTES

S. B. Neer is constantly adding to his Funeral Home, until it can be justly termed the finest in this section. His attention to Railroaders and the many courtesies he has shown them has solidified a friendship in the brotherhoods that will stand the test of time.

D. A. Steel, the genial manager for F. C. Pennington Produce Company, reports business good and ever growing. By the size of the shipments in and out, business must be booming.

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NEW MOVEMENT "SAFETY FIRST"

The Legislative Board of the Engine and Train Brotherhoods for Texas, has sought, or rather, seeking a new plan by which real safety first may be practiced and successfully carried out in this State.

The railroads together with their employes have, not only in Texas, but throughout the nation, organized their safety first committees, and through which much good has been accomplished, and recently, in Texas, adding the railroad commission to the movement, have launched a State-wide movement, but as yet, they have not reached out into the fields of other walks of life, as we believe should be done.

So far, these organizations are directed and to a great extent, controlled by the railroads, because of their convenient attitude to the movement, and therefore, all classes that may cooperate are chosen by the railroads, and which brings before the public gaze ONLY negligence of the employes, operatives and the public, nothing finds its way in their propaganda, save and except that which illustrates carelessness on the part of the public and employes handling equipment directly in operation.

The railroad operators cannot successfully establish the fact that they are "without sin" as to accidents, but they have and will, undoubtedly, avoid this fact being put before the public, but they should come to realize that to be fair, and to honestly co-operate with the public and their employes, they must permit illustration and demonstration to enter into the propaganda that seeks to bring the number and the cost of accidents down to the minimum.

The plan now in mind of the Legislative Board of the railroad men cannot be given in full here, because the details are yet in the making, and no definite plans have been worked out. The plan is not altogether new with the Texas Board, but it is thought, and believed to be an absolute condition that must be brought about by all interested parties taking hold and working to the end that life, limb and property shall be saved in future years and some body of authority and of action must be created for this purpose, and the plan will seek to have a State-wide call made by the Governor, which will bring together those interested and willing to join hands in organizing a body of men and women who will work for that result, without ceasing, and unselfishly.

With that chracter of an organization fair and just legislation can be enacted into law that will carry a real department of safety, with full authority sufficient to put into effect rules of safety that all the people will, in our humble judgment, give obedience to, and without violence to any industry or class, its being carried out to the satisfaction of the entire State. Saving the great cost of life and injury to humanity and property.

As the movement progresses, if it does progress, The Journal will follow this short illustration with fuller details as they may develop, and any one who may wish, may communicate, regarding this movement, with any member of the Legislative Board of the Engine and Train Brotherhoods, or this Journal, or the Southwestern Railway Journal published at Houston, Texas, both will be interested and both will render any assistance reasonably possible.

After the veto by the Governor of the Free Pass Bill, recently, there has been another bill introduced, seeking to repeal all Anti-Pass Laws now on the Texas statutes, the result of which is still problematical.

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LEGAL INFORMATION A. F. L. BULLETIN 9

Question of contempt again considered. Newspaper publication must relate to a matter pending and not to one past. Proceedings for publication of libelous article as to Judge should be held before another Judge.

Cornish vs. United States
399 Federal 283

Cornish was held in contempt for publication of an article criticizing the judge, growing out of an injunction brought by a railroad to prevent violence by strikers. The conviction was reversed because of neglect to state that the publication related to a matter pending.

The decision follows:

"PER CURIAM. Where there is a prosecution, as for contempt, under section 268, Judicial Code (Comp. St. para. 1245), and where it is not claimed that the alleged misbehavior was committed in the physical presence of the court, or constituted disobedience to an order, it is essential that the misbehavior shall have been 'so near thereto as to obstruct the administration of justice.' When the conduct complained of is a newspaper publication, defamatory of the trial judge, it is also necessary that the publication relate to a matter pending and not to one that is past. The publication here involved is not obviously and certainly within the forbidden field in either of these particulars. We do not say that it may not be in that field in both particulars; but in such a situation the pleading, whether petition or information or journal entry, by which the prosecution is initiated, should state completely the necessary facts, and not stop with conclusions. Under this test, we think the petition herein insufficient. It does not state the facts from which it draws the inference that the publication would obstruct the administration of justice, nor does it make clear that the publication, in its effect, went beyond reference to a judicial order already made.

We have no occasion to doubt that a newspaper publication may have such a tendency to incite disobedience to a court order that it may itself be punished as in the nature of disobedience; but the petition here does not state, in sufficient detail, the nature of the order which has been made, nor point out the connection between the publication and any naturally to be induced resistance or disobedience to the order, nor is such connection sufficiently obvious. The circumstances of the publication and its details are unique; we see no object in setting them out at length, but our conclusions necessarily lead to a reversal of the judgment below and the remanding of the case, with instruction to dismiss the proceeding, unless an amended and sufficient petition or information be filed in its continuation.

Another matter should be mentioned. The publication claimed to be contemptous was dominantly a libel upon the individual judge who had issued the injunction. In such a case, and

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where there is no impelling necessity or exigency, we greatly deprecate the prosecution of contempt proceedings before that same judge, and we again call attention to what was said upon that subject in Toledo Co. v. U. S. 237 Fed. 988, 150 C. C. A. 636. Qualifying it only to the effect that, where there is more than one judge in the district there is less degree of need for special designation, we repeat what we then said, in concluding our discussion of that subject:

" 'We can well understand the reluctance with which a District Judge would put himself in a position which seemed to be a shifting to another of this sometimes burdensome and very delicate duty; but it is of the greatest importance that contempt proceedings be put, as far as possible, beyond the reach of even unjust adverse criticism, and, in such a situation as has been recited, the judges of this court upon whom the duty may fall will always be ready to assign a judge from another district.'

"Reversed and remanded."

AN ECHO THREE YEARS OLD

In our meandering 'round 'bout the capitol at Austin, we found pending in the Court of Criminal Appeals a case which originated at Amarillo, in which the defendant was charged with the violation of the "Open Port" law! The law of which a railroad attorney, before a committee of the Texas Legislature, two years ago, said: "This is the law that gets 'em comin' and goin' and does just what we wish done," or words to that effect.

But, and that means we're going back to our find, and to say, that this case is pending for many months, and no brief submitted, either by the accused or by the State, the latter of course, is now the defendant and the original said to be violator, the plaintiff.

We who are interested in this case, and who verily believe that iniquitous statute is unconstitutional, are making an effort to have the case briefed and submitted for the opinion of the court, and it now looks as if that would result from our present efforts in that direction. The outcome of this case is an important one, because about as much misery, trouble and anxiety has resulted from this law, perhaps, as any other statute, not excepting the Dean Law.

THE VALLEY OF LIFE

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L. R. TAYLOR ET AL VS U. S.

U. S. Circuit Court of Appeal For The Seventh Circuit

Strikers may be indicted and convicted under the Federal Conspiracy Act where the charge is the violation of an injunction issued by a Federal Judge.

During the railroad shopmen's strike in 1922, an injunction was issued by the United States Court for the Southern District of Illinois enjoining the hindering or obstruction of the operation of the Chicago and Alton railroad company, and enjoining the obstruction of its trains engaged in moving the mails.

While this injunction was in effect certain of the defendants dynamited and destroyed a railroad bridge and prevented its use by freight and passenger cars and at the same time damaged and destroyed another bridge obstructing the movement of trains and interfering with the mail service.

The defendants were charged with a conspiracy to violate the injunction order, to impede the court in the administration of justice and to obstruct the mail.

Upon trial two of the defendants were acquitted, while the others were found guilty on all five counts in the indictment. Upon appeal the following decision was handed down.

"The indictment is attacked because (a) indefinite and uncertain, and (b) of its failure under any construction of the language to charge defendants with the commission of an offense.

"Its saserted insufficiency in the latter respect (so far as the first four counts of the indictment are concerned) would present a more serious question were it not for certain decisions which, strangely enough, escaped the attention of counsel for both sides when they were investigating this very important and equally interesting question.

These four counts charged, or at least attempted to charge, defendants with the violation of the conspiracy statute (section 37 of the Criminal Code.) This section provides:

" 'If two or more persons conspire either to commit any offense against the United States, or to defraud the United States in any manner or for any purpose, etc.'

"Plaintiffs in error assert that each of the first four counts of the indictment fail to charge defendants with conspiring 'to commit any offense against the United States.' In other words, for the purpose of the argument defendants admit that they may have entered into an agreement or conspiracy, to commit certain acts, but deny the object of the conspiracy as set forth in these counts, constitutes 'an offense against the United States.'

"This issue presents the real and sharply controverted legal question in this as well as in the district court. The district judge upon a motion in arrest of judgment, filed an opinion wherein he stated:

" 'The question raised by this motion is whether or not the violation of an injunction issued by a court of the United States is an offense against the United States. This question must be answered in the affirmative.'

"Moreover, in charging the jury, the court said: 'It is also the law that it is an offense against the United States for one to violate an injunction issued by a court of the United States.'

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"The briefs of counsel are largely devoted to discussing the question under the caption, 'Is a criminal contempt an offense against the United States?'

"Contending that criminal statutes must be strictly construed and that there are no crimes against the United States except those defined by statute, counsel for plaintiffs in error insist that a criminal contempt is not a crime against the United States, and therefore, not 'an offense against the United States' within the meaning of this criminal statute.

"The answer to this argument is found in the opinions in United States v. Hutto, 256 U. S. 524, and Biskind v. United States, 281 Fed. 47. In United States v. Hutto, the court in discussing this question says:

" 'Nor can we sustain the other ground upon which it is contended the demurrers were well taken. Section 37, Criminal Code, is violated by a conspiracy 'to commit any offense against the United States' accompanied or followed by an overt act done to effect the object of the conspiracy. It does not in terms require that the contemplated offense shall of itself be a criminal offense; nor does the nature of the subject-matter require this construction. A combination of two or more persons by concerted action to accomplish a purpose whether criminal or otherwise unlawful comes within the accepted definition of conspiracy. The distinction between a conspiracy and the contemplated offense that forms its object has often been pointed out. And we deem it clear that a conspiracy to commit any offense which by act of Congress is prohibited in the interest of the public policy of the United States, although not of itself made punishable by criminal prosecution but only by suit for penalty, is a conspiracy to commit an 'offense against the United States' within the meaning of par. 37, Criminal Code, and, provided there be the necessary overt act or acts, is punishable under the terms of that section.'

"Applying this language of the supreme court, the court in Biskind v. United States, supra, said:

" 'True, section 268 is contained in the Judicial Code, and not in the Criminal Code. But the lack of specific provision for criminal prosecution therefore is not important here, where the prosecution is for conspiracy, not for the contempt; for 'a conspiracy to commit any offense which by act of Congress is prohibited in the interest of the public policy of the United States although not of itself made punishable by criminal prosecution * * * is a conspiracy to commit an 'offense against the United States' within the meaning of section 37, of the Criminal Code.' United States v. Hutto, 256 U. S. 524, 528, 529, * * * Whether or not a contempt of the authority of a federal court in a civil case would be subject to criminal prosecution, there is no room for doubt that a conspiracy such as here shown, to effect a contemptous disobedience or resistance to the lawful process of a federal court in a criminal cause, is a conspiracy to commit an offense against the United States.'

"It is hardly necessary to consider the urge that a violation of an injunctional order does not constitute an

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obstruction or an impediment to the due administration of justice, as that term is used in section 135 of the Criminal Code. The case of Pettibone v. United States, 148 U. S. 197, was one wherein the defendants were charged with a conspiracy to obstruct justice by violating an injunctional order. The following, taken from the opinion, disposes of the question:

" 'The obstruction of the due administration of justice in any court of the United States corruptly or by threats of force, is indeed made criminal, but such obstruction can only arise when justice is being administered. Unless that fact exists, the statutory offense can not be committed; and while, the knoweldge or notice of that fact, the intent to offend accompanied obstructive action, without such knoweldge or notice the evil intent is lacking. It is enough if the thing is done which the statute forbids, provided the situation invokes the protection of the law, and the accuses is chargeable with knowledge or notice of the situation; but not otherwise.'

"True, in that case the indictment was held insufficient because it failed to charge defendants with notice of the existence of the injunctional order but its consideration by the court was upon the theory that if the indictment contained the proper averments, a cause of action was set forth.

Plaintiffs in error further charge that the indictment is bad because each count is 'so vague, indefinite, uncertain and ambiguous that plaintiffs in error are not appraised thereby of the offense with which they stand charged.' Had the criticism been that the counts were inartistically drawn and the pleader had been guilty of verbosity, we might agree, but such weaknesses do not render indictments demurrable. They merely indicate carelessness or indifference in the district attorney's office.

Neither does the reference to the wrong section of the criminal code as being the one under which the indictment is brougth, affect, must less defeat the indictment. The indictment is a pleading. Its sufficiency must be determined by the facts therein set forth. For the pleader to insert his conclusion that such facts are in violation of section 125 of the Criminal Code or of section 1014 of the Revised Statutes of the United States, neither adds to nor detracts from the allegations which alone must measure the sufficiency of such pleading.

"The indictment, in the instant case, we think, fully informs defendants of the offense with which they are charged and in greater detail than is usually given where a violation of

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section 37 of the Criminal Code is charged.

"It is not necessary to consider the fifth count of the indictment which charged a conspiracy to violate section 201 of the Penal Code (obstructing and retarding the movement and passage of certain cars carrying mail). For the sentence pronounced can be sustained if there be no good count in the indictment to suport it.

We may say in passing that it is not subject to the same criticisms as are levelled at the first four counts of the indictment. The indictment is, however, criticized because 'there is no allegation that the defendants knew that the alleged cars were carrying the mails, nor any allegation that they conspired to knowingly and wilfully obstruct and retard the mails.'

"It is not necessary for the pleader in a conspiracy count to define the substantive crime, the object of the conspiracy—with the same particularity as would have been necessitated if the substantative crime, rather than the conspiracy was the offense charged.

"Applying this rule to the criticism above mentioned, and examining the indictment, we find the defendants 'then and there unlawfully, knowingly, and wilfully and feloniously did conspire, combine, confederate and agree together * * * to commit an offense against the United States, for the purpose of unlawfully, knowingly and wilfully obstructing and retarding the movement and passage of certain United States railway post office cars then and there carrying the mail of the United States, in violation of section 201 of the Penal Code of the United States, by then and there unlawfully and maliciously placing upon and around the cross ties, railway girders and abutments of two certain railroad bridges dynamite caps and dynamite fuses, both located on the right of way of the said Chicago and Alton railroad company, and both of which said bridges were then and there owned and used by the said Chicago and Alton railroad company * * * '

"When the conspiracy is 'for the purpose of unlawfully, knowingly and wilfully obstructing or retarding the movement and passage of certain United States railway post office cars,' it is unnecessary to specifically allege an unlawful criminal intent or to specifically allege that the Chicago and Alton trains to the knowledge of plaintiffs in error carried mail.

"The criticism that the indictment is duplicatous because it charges defendants with a conspiracy to commit two offenses is answered by the decisions in Rabinowich v. United States, 238 U. S. 78, 86, and Frohwerk v. United States, 249 U. S. 204, 209-210. It was for a conspiracy and not for the substantive offense that plaintiffs in error were being tried, and this distinction must at all times be kept in mind in analyzing the indictment.

It is finally insisted that the evidence was insufficient to sustain a conviction. It would serve no useful purpose to quote extensively from the voluminous record. The evidence unquestionably connects plaintiffs in error with others in a combination or conspiracy to destroy the bridges. They insist however, that what they did or rather what was intended to be done as charged, was with no intent to obstruct justice, or to interfere with the transportation of mail. Assuming intent was a necessary ingredient to the offense here under consideration, because of certain facts not free from controversy, we think the district judge correctly left that matter to the jury for its determination; it was for the jury to weigh the acts of the defendants against their professed innocent intentions.

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Taussig vs. Weber Et Al
205 N. Y. S. 605

When local union is expelled from National organization, its members cease to be members of the National organization.

The facts are contained in the opinion:

"Plaintiff was a member of the Musical Mutual Protective Union, which was Local 310 of the American Federation of Musicians. Local 310 was expelled from the American Federation of Musicians. Plaintiff claims that by the expulsion of local 310, which deprived him of his membership in the American Federation of Musicians, he was deprived of his valuable status as a member without due process of law, was injured in his professional standing as a musician, and

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"Plaintiff seeks reinstatement as a member by the American Federation, because he claims that the expulsion of the Local 310 does not affect his membership in the federation. Plaintiff asks that he and other similarly situated be reinstated as members of the American Federation of Musicians and that defendants be restrained from boycotting him and others similarly situated, or from coercing or intimidating or inducing any person not to employ or dismiss plaintiff or others similary situated, because he or they are not members in good standing of Local 802 of the American Federation of Musicians, or from forbidding or preventing members of the American Federation of Musicians or any other person, from performing or becoming or remaining employed in the same place or under the same employer with plaintiff or others similarly situated, because plaintiff or such other person is not a union man, or is not a member of Local 802 of the American Federation of Musicians or from disciplining or discriminating against any person because he has employed plaintiff or others similarly situated or from obstructing plaintiff from pursuing his profession in accordance with his standing and ability.

"Counsel for plaintiff claims that members, by reason of their membership in locals of the American Federation of Musicians, become members of the American Federation of Musicians, the parent or national body. The cases furnished by plaintiff only hold that they are members of the parent or national body when the local was in good standing. As long as a local is in good standing, its members are members of the American Federation of Musicians; but when a local is expelled, its members cease to be members of the parent or national body, the American Federation of Musicians. If the rule were otherwise, a local might violate every rule of the parent organization and be expelled, and then every member could claim that the expulsion did not affect his membership which would remain just as valid after as before the violation by the local. The expulsion of Local 310 carried with it the loss by its members of membership in the American Federation of Musicians. If a local could be expelled without affecting its members, the expulsion would amount to nothing, because it could not be enforced.

"The complaint of plaintiff is dismissed upon the merits because his

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local (310) was suspended after the filing of the charges, a hearing after reasonable notice, and a decision by the authorized committee of the American Federation of Musicians. The membership of plaintiff in the American Federation of Musicians depended upon the affiliation of Local 310 with the American Federation of Musicians. When Local 310 was expelled from affiliation with the American Federation of Musicians, plaintiff's membership in the American Federation of Musicians together with his rights and privileges thereunder, thereby ceased. As I have held in the case of Musical Mutual Protective Union v. Weber, 123 Misc. Rep. 182, 205 N. Y. Supp.—, there was no illegal conspiracy in the suspension of Local 310 by the American Federation of Musicians, and consequently there was no malicious boycott, as plaintiff claims. Submit findings.

"Judgment accordingly."

Simons vs. Berry
205 N. Y. S. 442

An International union is not compelled to admit a member of a dissolved local union.

Membership in a voluntary association is a matter for the association to determine, and its action is not subject to review by the courts.

Simons had been a member of Web Printing Pressmen's Union, Local 25, the charter of which had been revoked by the International for violation of its laws. An agreement in writing was made between the International and the officers of the former local, winding up the local's affairs and providing for the issuance of International Union cards to the former member upon a proper application. Simons agreed to apply for membership and to appear before its board of directors at its next meeting. This application was rejected and an action commenced to compel his admittance. This action was dismissed. The plaintiff was granted an injunction pendente lite to restrain the union from stating he was not a member of the union in good standing and enjoining the defendant from interferring with his employment or from calling out members of the union from any place in which he may be employed. The defendants appealed and the order was reversed and motion denied.

The decision follows:

"The constitution of defendant association and its laws vest power in that body to charter subordinate unions. The board of directors has power under the association's fundamental law to suspend or revoke the charter of a subordinate union for violation of the laws of the International union. There is a membership at large provided for in sections inaccessible to chartered subordinate unions.

"The plaintiff, on the 17th day of September, 1923, was a member of Web Printing Pressmen's Union, Local No. 25, which was a subordinate union chartered by the International Union. On the 18th day of September, 1923, the charter of this local union was revoked for violation of the laws of the International union. Thereafter, on October 4, 1923, an agreement was made in writing between the International union and the officers of the former local, to which the plaintiff was a party, providing for winding up the affairs of the local union, and under this agreement all of the property of the subordinate body was turned over to the International union. The plaintiff now here covenanted under that agreement that he would make application for membership in the International union, in this paragraph:

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"Said agreement contained the following further provision:

" 'In view of our freely and voluntarily turning over to you the property above named, we request you to take up the cards of all former members of the local union, with the exception of the card of David Simons, and to issue to said former members, except David Simons, International union cards upon proper and formal application in the form you require, by each of such former members, for admission to the International union.'

"The plaintiff thereafter made a written application for membership in the International union and the application contained this statement:

" 'I, David Simons, hereby make application for membership as a Web pressman to your organization; * * * have previously been member of Web Pressman's Union No. 25; was member of No. 25; discontiued membership for revoking charter by Pres. G. L. Berry.'

"The board of directors of the defendant union was the authority which was empowered to act upon this application. Pending a meeting of the board, plaintiff applied for a mandamus order to compel the directors of the defendant union to issue to him a membership card. The court, however, directed that the International union's board take up for consideration and act upon the plaintiff's application for membership. At a meeting of the board subsequently convened, the plaintiff and his attorney attended, and a hearing was had upon his application for membership in compliance with the judicial direction. Thereafter on January 3, 1924, plaintiff's application for membership was rejected. An action was then commenced to compel the International union to admit plaintiff to membership. The complaint in that action was dismissed, upon the ground that the court cannot compel a voluntary unincorporated association to admit the plaintiff to membership, and that the plaintiff had a remedy within the organization itself, which he must exhaust before the courts would extend relief.

"The complaint in this action, commenced after the dismissal referred to, does not refer to his application for membership, but alleges that plaintiff was a member of the defendant union, that he was requested to attend a meeting of its board of directors, that no written charges were presented, and that he was notified that his application for reinstatement as a member of the union was rejected. The proof on this motion is that plaintiff's membership was not in the International union, but was in the local union, and that the application, which he was notified had been rejected, was not for reinstatement in any union, local or international, but was for membership in the International union.

"There is no rule of law anywhere which gives power to a court to compel a membership corporation of a voluntary association to accept an applicant as a member of such bodies, and there is no doubt that defendant was within its legal rights in rejecting plaintiff's application for membership. It is uncontested here that plaintiff was a member of local union No. 25; that the charter of the union

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"There was under this proof no instance of an unlawful expulsion. Plaintiff's membership was, under his own admission, in the local union. The charter of that union had been revoked. The question of legality of that action is not raised here. Plaintiff acquiesced in such revocation by joining in the agreement of October 4, 1923.

"The application cannot be considered as one for reinstatment but must be regarded as one for membership. Plaintiff's status before the court is that of a new applicant seeking to compel the defendant union to admit him. Whether to grant or refuse membership in a voluntary association is a matter under complete control of the organization itself, and the ruling is not subject to review by the courts.

"The order should be reversed, with $10 costs and disbursements and the motion denied, with $10 costs."

President Coolidge, "Silent Cal," rides his "hoss" now, and the exercise is reported as very beneficial and he is able to walk much better and think much louder than when he rode the "sure-enough" hoss, which seemed to have been a little too rough in its gait, but the present hoss, the gentle and wooden hoss, is the very article, and if we receive the testimonial from cousin Cal, that we expect, as an answer to our inquiry, we too, will be in the market for a similar steed, in order that our exercise shall be comfortable and not so uncomfortable, as it is now with the live and vigorous hoss we now and then go out into the shady nooks astride of.

In recent controversies down at Washington, D. C., we find where the preparation for another battle royal is discussed and ways and means are sought to establish our ability to win any contest that may confront us, the statement is so frequent that "in the next war"—and which has about convinced us that we'll have another war, and in which, of course, it will be justified because some fool fella just spanked your Uncle Samuel! Go-to-it.

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SENATOR CHAS. A. MURPHY

Senator Chas. A. Murphy of the Houston district, has served in the Texas Senate two terms, and in the House of Representatives one term. He is an ex-railroad man, carrying membership in the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, is active, and has been, since he became a member, and his service as a legislator has proven conclusively that he forgets not those who have been his long time associates.

Not only is he a friend of his organization friends, but Mr. Murphy has made an enviable record in the legislature for legislation in the interest of the whole people, and has served with distinction and credit to himself and to the people of his district, and the entire State.

Senator Murphy is a progressive, as is generally understood by that term, and a man who stands out for progressive legislation. He is a man who any citizen of Texas can approach, and who he will treat courteously and hear any claims for legislation but after he hears, he has an opinion of his own, and accordingly and which has stamped him as a man of courage and honesty in public service and in his private life.

He made a valiant fight in the 39th Senate for the Federal Child Labor Amendment, standing almost single and alone in that contest. He has always stood for the women and children of his State in all legislation that sought to favor their welfare. After leaving the railway service he studied law and was admitted to the bar, and has practiced that profession successfully, and in his professional walk, he does not forget the things he learned in his younger life, things that stand for humanity, better society and a more intelligent and moral citizenship in his native State.

The Journal is proud of Mr. Murphy, not because he is a member of organized labor, not because he was at one time a railroad man, but because he stands for reforms, real reforms, and is courageous and strong enough in mind and heart to defend the things for which he believes is right.

SINGLE TAX EXPLAINED

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This simple, righteous change in our taxation system would, its advocates believe, prevent involuntary poverty on one hand and great unearned fortunes on the other, and usher in the much to be desired—and natural—condition of enduring and accelerating prosperity in which every reasonably industrious and deserving one would share and which would be free from the alternating booms and panics, which accompany our present system. —Fairhope Single Tax Corporation, Fairhope, Alabama.

ONE EMPLOYER WHO IS HELPLESS

Your dear old Uncle Samuel, is one employer who has little to say, 'cept to pay the wage that may be fixed by one class of his employes, the legislative branch. Congress makes demand for an increase in wages, holds a caucus on the contract written by the "walkin'" delegate, drops it in the hopper and within a few minutes it comes out signed, bearing the ok of all concerned—save and except the real paymaster—the people!

A wonderful transaction. Present the argument, together with the contract, votes aye, and your Uncle Samuel, representing the people, sits steady in the boat—like bre'r rabbit—he says nothin' to no body. You talk about the "closed shop," that is one organization which is closed against the World.

Those fellows who are members of the legislative branch of the government, fix all statutory salaries, as well as their own wages, but it has been shown that they were mighty measly stingy with all others, but their organization has the bars up against any others joining, and therefore, the walkin' delegates write the contract, and the vote is taken—and the wages goes up.

AS A PITCHER HE'S A FAILURE

Silent Cal, as a pitcher has proven to have been a failure, and the catcher, Butler, the man o' the hour, muffed the ball, and so the side representing the White House went to the bench.

The Warren, for Attorney General, contest was weak from the start, Hellen' Maria fell asleep at the switch, and the forces rallied and Silent Cal pitched the ball to Butler, who muffed it and Smoot failed to stop it before it went over the back fence, and Warren was put out at "first" on an error, or a combination of errors, bad ball players.

Cal should have had experience enough to avoid the error, but Butler of course he could not have been expected to hold the ball, when thrown to him. The old timers who accomplish their simple purpose of unloading the progressives, stumbled into the trap themselves that they set for the other fellows and the administration is, evidently, up a tree with a saw and sitting on the outer end of the limb, of which was to have been sawed off.

If the reactionaries of the minority party had done what they were to have done, the game might have been saved, but even they got cold feet and dodged.

Conductor J. M. Tarpey, accompanied by Mrs. Tarpey, spent a day or two last month in Fort Worth. Bro. Tarpey attending the loss and damage convention of the Santa Fe railroad, and Mrs. Tarpey entertained friends at the Westbrook.

We were not advised of their visit until it was too late to have them visit our home, all of which we regretted very much. Glad anyway that we had the pleasure of visiting with them for a few moments.

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THE STRUCTURAL CLEARANCE LAW

Below are the exceptions agreed to by the legislative board for the brotherhoods and the representatives of the railroads, at the time they mutually agreed on the passage of senate bill No. 56, and after the passage of the bill, this agreement was drawn, adopted and signed by parties to the original agreement. Senate bill 56 will become a law about June the 20th, next, and after which time the railroad commission will order a hearing to consider the approval of the agreement carrying the exceptions, which are printed below, and which appear in the legislative board's report, together with the law as enacted, and if approved, then the commission will administer the law, together with those exceptions.

1. Mail cranes, turn tables, cattle guards, icing racks and coal chutes, shall be exempt from provisions of this law.

2. Water cranes and oil cranes—present standards may be maintained as refers to the respective railway companies with a minimum clearance of 7 feet from center line of track.

3. Thru Truss and Girder Bridges:

(a) The minimum horizontal clearance in bridges shall be 7 feet 6 inches from the center line of the track, over a distance between a ponit 4 feet above the top of rail and a point 17 feet above the top of the rail.

(b) Upper diagonal bracing in bridges shall not encroach within a line extending from a point 7 feet 6 inches from center line of track at a height of 17 feet above top of rail to a point 3 feet from center line of track, at a height of 22 feet above top of rail.

(c) Lower diagonal bracing in bridges and walk-way railings on bridges shall not enroach within a line extending from a point 7 feet 6 inches outside of center line of track at a height of 4 feet above top of rail to a point 5 feet 9 inches outside of center line of track at top of rail elevation.

4. Switch stands and interlocking plants. The minimum horizontal clearance for switch stands and dwarf signals, two feet six inches or less above top of rail, shall be 5 feet 6 inches from center of track.

Interlocking apparatus not exceeding 6 inches above top of rail shall have a minimum horizontal clearance from center of track of 4 feet.

5. Passenger train sheds and platforms. Passenger train sheds where only passenger equipment is handled is exempted. The minimum horizontal clearance between the center line of track and passenger station platforms, one foot or less in height above top of rail shall be 4 feet 6 inches.

6. Round House and Shop Building Doors. The provisions of this law shall not apply to engine houses or buildings into which locomotives or cars are moved for terminal inspection, attention or repairs.

7. Stock Yards and Loading Chutes. A minimum horizontal clearance for stock yards and loading chutes shall be 6 feet 6 inches, except where such structures are constructed on main line tracks.

(Signed) For the Railroads.
J. A. GLEN.
For the Legislative Board.
C. F. GOODRIDGE
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The whole co-operative movement is based on the practicability of a real brotherhood of man. I doubt that men inbued with the co-operative spirit, if left to their own inclinations, would bayonet each other's entrails or poison each other's babies.—Roy F. Bergengren, in The Bridge.

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PROPER STUDY OF ECONOMY IS ECONOMICS

Indianapolis, Ind. — Relations between Capital and Labor are rapidly approaching a new phase in the opinion of James M. Lynch, president of the International Typographical Union.

"The welfare of the active business man depends on general prosperity, which means a higher standard of living," said Mr. Lynch. "The time is not far distant when proposal for an attack on the institution of trade unionism will be coldly received in nearly all branches of trade and industry.

"The reason is easily found. Take the case of the automobile manufacturer: The saturation point in that trade, supposing present trade conditions continue, is not far distant. About 24,000,000 cars in all this country may be expected to maintain in service. Editors of The New Republic estimate the replacement need on that number of cars at 3,000,000 yearly. The capacity of American motor plants is more than 4,750,000 cars a year.

"As a plain result in arithmetic those figures indicate ruin for many great plants. The possibilities of foreign markets for many quite obvious reasons are of little importance. Hope for the industry's future lies in the liklihood of continued improvement in wages and agricultural compensation. In this situation the Automobile manufacturers who contributes the funds for campaigns against labor unions is plainly blind.

"Quoting The New Republic, 'Any project which tends either to greater equalization of income or to an increase of general productivity ought to be of vital interest to automobile manufacturers. They could invest in the future of their industry to no better purpose than by heavily subsidizing the American Federation of Labor for an organizing and wage raising campaign, and by backing to the limit every program for the elimination of economic waste. The automible industry is an interesting sample of capitalist culture in general.'

"In all probability no subsidy of the sort suggested will be either offered or accepted, but it is highly probable that a better spirit of co-operation between Capital and Labor will develop as a natural phase of trade evolution.

"It will be a bitter pill for some capitalists to allow place in their thoughts for general prosperity alongside of personal prosperity. It is bromidic to observe that business is essentially ruthless and unemotional, but the fact must be remembered in any attempt to foretell a future social development. Combinations of employers in varied indusrties to hold down wages and save on labor are uneconomic and could only be continued by stubborn and costly adherence to the Dawes ideal of much wealth for a few of us, little for the rest. Competition will not permit loyalty to such an ideal.

"Money in the common man's pocket means a market for American products. The world market for such luxuries as automobiles, vaccuum cleaners, talking machines and the like may as well be left out of calculations. The living standard and distribution of wealth in other lands offers little encouragement to hope for a produc-

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tion outlet of much consequence abroad.

"The automobile maker stands to profit immensely through increased incomes for the masses. The sum he might save through a low wage scale in his own plant is trifling compared with the amount he might garner through generally increased wages throughout the land.

"A correspondent in Detroit for the Wall Street Journal writes that this city has 'the highest per capita income and the highest per capita of property valuations of any city in the world.' He attributes this happy situation to Henry Ford's $6 minimum wage policy. Other Detroit employers were bitter against Ford at first because he compelled them to almost double their payrolls, but the result differed from their expectations. The 'laborer' became an automobile owner, a home owner and a valued customer of the city's mercantile establishments. Tenement districts disappeared. General prosperity had struck Detroit and business was fine. This review, appearing, strangely enough, in the Wall Street Journal, contains corroboration of labor's contention that Unionism aims to injure no one but to benefit everyone."

INDUSTRIAL SITUATION IN U. S. AS COMPARED WITH OTHER NATIONS

Washington—The industrial situation in the United States, particularly as it applies to loss of production incident to any serious strikes or lockouts, is in sharp contrast to the disturbed conditions effecting many of the other nations of the world.

We are told that more than 140,000 Italian metal workers are idle as a result of demands for wage readjustments.

A lockout, nation-wide in scope, is threatened despite the effort of the Swedish Government's Mediation Board to forestall the conflict. This would involve 130,000 workers employed in machine shops, paper and pulp mills, as well as textile branches. The union members refused the plan of settlement submitted by the Government, while th employers generally agreed to it.

In Saxony and the Rhineland a railway strike is reported to be seriously interfering with transportation. This is due to demands for wages sufficient to meet living costs.

In Greece the press reports a railway strike in existence and a threat to end it by calling the workers to the colors.

In the United States, while the Department of Labor through the Conciliation Service is using its good offices in 60 strikes, threatened strikes and lockouts involving comparatively few workers, in many instances work continues during the negotiations. The building trades generally are working out their new agreement peaceably, and xecept for a few isolated cases no trouble is anticipated. The only dark spot in the building trades is the jurisdictional dispute between bricklayers and plasterers, in which the applying of stucco is one of the main causes of dispute.—U. S. Department of Labor.

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Revised piece work rates resulted in a strike, following which the electric welders walked out, causing the plant to close down. It appears that the welders have peen paid from $1.40 to $1.65 per hour, which the company maintained was too high; and its reduction to $1.25 and $1.35 per hour, brought about the strike. Commissioner Thomas M. Finn reports th eacceptance of an arrangement which took one operation away from each welder, thereby enabling him to devote thirty additional minutes to welding, with a proportionate increase in pay.—U. S. Department of Labor.

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RAIL BILL IS VICTIM OF FALSE PROPAGANDA

Washington, Feb. 21.—The Howell-Barkley bill has been the subject of more misinformation and more deliberate misrepresentation than any bill which has been before congress in a generation, declared Congressman Barkley, in announcing that the friends of the bill find it impossible to secure favorable consideration at this session.

Railroad employes support this measure. It is intended to supplant the railroad labor board. The principle of the bill will again be urged in the next congress, Mr. Barkley declared.

"Those who have opposed it," he continued, "have systematically misrepresented it, either through ignorance or design, by claiming that it left the public entirely out of consideration in the formation of the boards to decide on questions of wages, when, as a matter of fact, the only board created by the bill to deal with wages in any respect is made up wholly from the public, and all men who have any interest on either side are thereby disqualified from membership."

Every effort to secure a conference with railroad managers on this bill has failed, said Congressman Barkley.

"In all fairness, I wish to say that some of the railroad presidents were anxious to co-operate, and did their best to make these conferences possible and of such an extent as to represent the railroad executives generally. But a majority of their colleagues rejected the idea.

"I indulge the hope that at the next session of congress we may succeed in passing a law that will cure the manifest and glaring inequalities contained in the present law and which will recognize and protect the legitimate interests of the roads, the men and the public."

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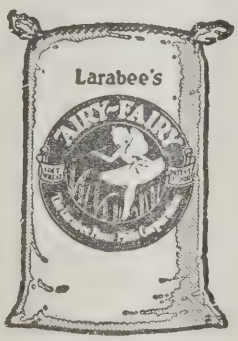

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SENATORS MAKE RECORD IN RISING THEIR WAGE

Washington, Feb. 21.—United States senators have raised their wages and thereby accept organized labor's position that pre-war rates are not sufficient to cover present-day living costs.

The senate voted $16,000,00 to increase salaries of senators and representatives to $10,000. The present salary is $7,500. It took but 12 minutes to vote this 33 1-3 per cent advance.

The bill also raises salaries of cabinet officers, the vice president and the speaker of the house to $15,000.

And in the meantime—

The postal workers' wage increase of $300 a year is being discussed by the lawmakers, as the fatal day of final adjournment nears. Every other demand for wage increases by underpaid government employes has been rejected.

It seems to be agreed that there will be no rent regulation of District of Columbia landlords at this session of congress. This proposal has been opposed by every real estate interest in the nation.

The president has declared in favor of a rent-regulation bill, but he has not spoken as loud as when he demanded that congress support his veto of the postal employes' wage increase.

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AN UNFAIR AND UNJUST COMPARISON

We have a National Industrial Conference Board, whatever and whoever IT is, that makes a business, every-now-and-then, of publishing comparative wages of workers, employes, of different industrial institutions. This eminent body recently made a comparison of all industries, outside of railroads, for December, 1924, and then compared these wages with the wages of railroad employes. Its result showed the wage of industries, other than railroads, showed a weekly wage of an average of $26.85. Then for the same month the wages of railroad employes were given as an average of $31.25 per week, each based upon forty-eight hours for the week.

So misleading is this report, that the public cannot see the real object but it comes in the fact that the officials (employes) of the railroads receive, fully double the wage that an official, (employe) of other industrial institutions receive, but that all goes into the general average.

Not only that, but the official family of the railroads will far eexceed in number, the official family of the other industries. And mind you, too, the main purpose of these comparisons are for the express purpose of deceiving the public, in the fight that is always on between the railroads and their employes, (not official employes) but those who are compelled to meet these unfair and unjust comparisons every day in the year and which could not be defended by the employes without the solid and determined organizations maintained by these employes.

And we repeat what we have said in the past, that were it not for these intelligent and determined organizations, the railroad employes, the real employes, would be serving for the wages which would be much less than the other industries. There is not a single organization of people in this nation that stands out against the forces of capital, and which is able to cope with and restrain, the plunges of capital, than the organizations of railroad employes, and this is WHY that this monthly, or we might say, daily, onslaught is made against the real employes of railroads in this nation, and which gives the full reasons for the continual howling before the public of the high wage railway employes receive.

And in passing, we might say, that when these railway employes, the real employes, build their political structure to the perfection they builded their industrial structure, the whole people of this nation will enjoy much better conditions, and have some freedom, instead of the great forces of capital, which now dominate every artery of commerce and government of the nation and in many, many instances, to the extreme detriment to the whole people, and especially, to the great and most important people of the nation—that agricultural, producing people of the nation.

If the public could know the men who compose this wonderful and most philanthropic inclined men, as they are known in their own cricle of business, who put out these wonderful comparisons in wages, and read their names opposite the wages they draw —from the public—no, not directly, but indirectly, the storm that would follow would wipe them and their governmental agencies into oblivion, and real reforms will not be promulgated until this simple and necessary condition is brought about—by the ballot of the great mass of people of this nation.

POLITICAL INDEPENDENCE JUSTIFIED

The independent voter is a good citizen, but the meaning of independence is some times, many times, not understood by many of us.

Independence as an individual, is absolutely nil, but independence of classes of people is the one way out of the dilema that the people have drifted into in this nation. They criticise "class" action, those who are opposed to independence, and we know, that is we think we know, that those who give their own minds proper attention when passing upon political candidates, become independent voters, and with them they influence their class.

If it be wrong for class to organize and seek to get out of the present political schemes which have been followed so long and so successfully then all the people are going wrong, for it is, undoubtedly, a day of class organization, and the smaller the class is, it seems to be the most successful, because the small classes, join other similar classes and put it over, while the great classes hover around the propaganda put for them, that regularity MUST be closely followed, or the country goes to the dinnition bow wows, and because the larger classes adhere to that mistaken idea—they are lost, or have been so far.

The most independent man in public life in Texas today, is the man who was drafted for office. In his service it was plain that he neither looked to the right or to the left when passing officially upon any question, but his action came with a clear and positive "yea or nay," and without any quibbling. Can you name the man? We can and we have no more interest in that man's political future than the average, but just like a man in public life with that positive character, and he will continue that record so long as he is not compelled to answer to the few who wish special favors.

The ballot will make you free.

POLITICAL CO-OPERATION

We have not weakened an iota on political co-operation, but we draw the line between co-operation for the sake of real success to the great mass of the people, and not the co-operation that brings political office, regardless of the general welfare. The office hunting co-operator is a menace any time and all the time to a well regulated and thorough going organization which has for its purpose the well being of the great rank and file of that organization.

Political office is all right ONLY when the office is chasing the individual and not when the individual is chasing the office. Many of the organizations that have started out with political co-operation of the right kind, have too often fell for the political co-operation of the wrong kind.

We have witnessed, in our limited experience, the sad plight of the organization getting into wrong political co-operation, and which, almost invariably ends in forgetting everything except the office and generally, such results bring that organization, as well as the individual members who lands the office, into disfavor with the public and with his own class, for the simple reason that the political machine drives him into oblivion.

They fall for it, or at least so far as our observation has gone, all have fell, and mainly because the power to secure political office grows so rapidly in the mind of the seeker, that he soon becomes a professional, and NOTHING daunts him in his mad pursuit for pie, and the more pie, the less benefit the individual gets, and a thousand times less comes to the organization through which he gets that pie.

It's really distracting for the unselfish looker-on to see where it leads one and, finally, the recipient comes "home to eat," penniless and sadly the worse for the experience of which he has passed through, likened unto an object of pity, clothed in low-quarters, run down at the heel, raggedy elbows, a linnen duster for an overcoat, and his blessed locks sticking out through the top of the lid he wears, and wtih a look of a thousand years of real rough handling. It's an awful picture.

But the real man, the man who gets the office without this crowding of his friends, but with his head straight up, becomes a servant of the people, serves his constituency and the world for the good of his people. Well, there are sich men, or at least there has been. "Policy is the best honesty?"

Correct political co-operation is, to draft the man, and stay away from the cronic office seeker. The ridiculous conditions today in our public life will never be changed until that sentiment prevails. Are YOU ready to assist in bringing that change about?

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PRESIDENT SIGNS ARBITRATION BILL

Washington, Feb. 21.—The president has signed the United States arbitration bill.

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The new law, it is said, will reduce by one-half the number of civil suits that now encumber federal court calendars.

Labor disputes are specifically excluded from this act, which is of especial interest to trade unionists because of their attitude toward arbitration as a means of adjusting disputes between men.

POLITICS AND GAMBLING IN STOCKS

The orgy of speculation in both the stock and grain markets following Coolidge's election is a very sinister sign of the times. In the case of the stock market, speculation added almost six billions to the monetary value of stock without any adequate reason whatever.

Had these high values held, we should have launched on a new period of inflation for which the common man would have paid through the nose. As it is, values are falling.

And perhaps Secretaries Mellon and Hoover are right that the fundamental economic situation is not much affected by all this speculation. Certainly, however, insiders, as usual, have cleaned up. The money they spent on the Coolidge election has brought forth fruit—some thirty, some sixty and some one hundred fold.

As for speculation in the grain market, the only encouraging thing is the hope that for once the speculators and not the farmers were holding the bag when prices tumbled. How long shall we tolerate this gambling on values produced not by politics or market manipulation but by the sweat and blood of workers on farms and in factories?—Norman Thomas.

WORKERS' LEGAL RIGHTS ARE FORCED FROM THEM

Columbus, Ohio, Feb. 21.—Organized labor is asking the state legislature to outlaw the so-called "individual contract" anti-union employers force workers to sign before they are given employment. Under this contract a worker pledges not to join a trade union, or urge others to do so, or to in any other way encourage sentiment for higher wages and improved working conditions.

The unionists point to the immorality of such a contract, which ignores the basis of contractural relations—free will and absence of duress. When the wife and children of a worker demand food and shelter, the unionists say, the state should not legalize a contract that has been secured from that worker under such conditions.

Another point the unionists emphasize is that the worker is forced to surrender a legal right to join a trade union. Instead of being protected in that right, society, by its acquiescence of the "individual contract," in effect, approves the policy of the anti-union employer who takes advantage of the workers' necessity to compel him to waive a legal right.

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Take any one question of legislation? The public, in almost every walk of life occupies opposition to, most all, if not all labor demands, and so many of us fail to meet those questions properly and intelligently, and for no other reason but the one, that of informing ourselvse upon that question that we may defend it when occasion arises.

Important, extremely important, that you know the full reasons for every question that may be put forward by your organization for the consideration of the public, or legislative body. The men who are elected to make our laws are honest and perserving, but they cannot always know the real reasons for the demands of your organization, and if you cannot properly inform them before they attend a session, then they will seldom listen to your representative, because they feel that YOU should inform them. They know you personally, and therefore, wish to serve you correctly.

Organized labor in Illinois is struggling with the legislature of that state to limit injunctions in controversies which effect workers.

STRIKE CASES PENDING

Washington—On March 21, 1925, there were 48 strike cases pending before the Department for settlement and in addition 33 controversies which had not reached the strike stage, making a total number of 81 cases pending, 15 of which are new.

The 15 new cases may be compared with 6 and 16 of the first and second weeks preceeding. The new cases involve molders, textile workers, building trades, shoes, steamfitters, leather workers, tailors and metal miners.—U. S. Department of Labor.

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MORE LAWLESSNESS IN HIGH PLACES

By Norman Thomas

The government's suit to invalidate the Teapot Dome lease has already gone far enough to give some evidence to the shocking contempt for law displayed by many rich and powerful financires in this country. Several witnesses of consequence have left the country rather than testify in this suit. One of them is the principal executive of the Indiana Standard Oil Company. What will his company do about this anarchistic contempt for the processes of justice? Lest the question seem to any of our readers to arise from any "radical" distrust of "big business," we quote from an editorial in that eminently conservative paper, The New York Times:

"Two oil company magnates suddenly found it necessary for their health to go to France, where they are now residing, where they refuse to answer the questions of the French Magistrate, and whence their own lawyer declares it is probable that they will never return. Another great oil executive, much wanted at Cheyenne, suddenly had pressing business in South America, where the United States Marshall was unable to serve a subpoena upon him. These are less absences than disappearances. They tell their own story of guilty knowledge and evasion. The immediate question is less what the Government and the courts propose to do about it, than what action the directors of their companies will take. If suicide is confession, so is flight."

The Howell-Barkley bill was smothered in Congress, though there seemed a healthy majority for it—judging by the answers given their constituency, by the members after their return home.

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HOW THE NEWSPAPERS HIDE THE TRUTH

By Norman Thomas

The newspapers of America, editorially and otherwise, gave a great deal of attention to Mr. Wyer's report, condemning the Ontario experiment in published by the Smithsonian Institute the public control of hydro-electric power as wasteful and uneconomic. This is the kind of talk the big interests like. Mr. Wyer's charges were demolished by Sir Adam Beck, as we have pointed out in a previous issue. Now comes the most interesting part of the story.

Seeing how little publicity was given in the press to the answer to the Wyer charge, we took the trouble to inquire from the Canadian authorities whether their answer had ever been released to the press. We received the following reply:

" * * * an effort was made on our part to supply a copy of the Chairman's reply to a number of the leading daily papers in the prominent centers such as New York City, Washington, Boston, Cleveland, Detroit, etc. The usual arrangements were made for simultaneous release by the Canadian and United States papers. These leading newspapers—with the notable exception of the New York American—practically all ignored the reply. We were a little surprised at this, because we thought there would be more manifestation of the fair play that at least gives each side a hearing. From many quarters there has been a studied silence with regard to the reply to the Wyer-Walcott Report."

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HOW TO BE PROSPEROUS

By Norman Thomas

The other day we ran across our old friend, Henry Hope, the Buckeye philosophmer, from Old Eden, Ohio. We slapped him on the back and he gazed with fascinated interest at a large crowd of New Yorkers gathered around a man selling unbreakable collar buttons on the street corner. This Mr. Hope tells us it is a sight not to be seen in Old Eden, Ohio, where the farmers are too busy for such diversions. The Buckeye philosopher graciously consented to be interviewed on prosperity. He said that he hadn't noticed much to it until he came to New York and then he found it in the statement of the earnings of the New York banks for the year 1924.

These range from 10 to 199 per cent. "I see", said Mr. Hope, "that the hard working lads who own stock in the Kings County Trust Company, the Yorkville Bank, the First National Bank, all got for one year's wage on their investment more than the par value of the stock they got by their own hard savings or their forethought in selecting their ancestors. Now that gives me an idea. I am going back home and tell the boys on the farm and in the factory to buy a bank. My slogan is: 'Prosperity By Banking.'"

We pointed out to the cornfed philosopher that labor and co-operative banks were already at work and that most of them had a rule of dividing profits over 10 per cent, with their savings fund depositors, but that none of them as yet had made over 100 per cent. We doubted whether unemployed textile workers and coal miners would remedy their condition by turning bankers. Mr. Hope absent-mindedly agreed, but said he had to hurry away to keep an appointment to talk things over with Will Rogers.

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MINATURE PLAYGROUND

A miniature model of a five-acre playground for city children has been constructed for the Children's Bureau and will be displayed as part of the bureau's exhibit at the International Council of Women meeting in Washington this spring.

The modle, planned by the Recreation Expert of the Children's Bureau, is an exact reproduction to scale of a playground adequately equipped for daily use by approximately 300 boys and girls. It contains a miniature swimming pool, a shelter house, two tennis courts, a basketball court, a large baseball diamond, a smaller diamond, a wading pool for little children, seats for the story hours, swings, ladders, flying rings, sand boxes and all other needed equipment. Tiny figures of children engaged in the various sports are part of the model.—U. S. Department of Labor.

We always did believe in women in politics. Just nowe we are feeling particularly grateful to one by the name of Miss Makepeace, who, according to the Cleveland Citizen, told the members fo the Ohio Legislature a large piece of truth. Both parties in that state endorsed the Child Labor Amendment. Both parties united to beat it. Miss Makepeace went with the crowd, but she had the nerve to tell the truth. According to the report, her fellow legislators laughed and applauded her when she declared: "Every time there is a plank in the platform, it is a fish-hook, and if it gets enough suckers the party is successful." That is the precise truth. How long will the workers and farmers go on being suckers instead of organizing their own party?—Norman Thomas.

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J. E. HOLMES PROMOTED

J. E. Holmes, formerly assistant manager of the Fort Worth Woolworth store, went to Chickasha, Oklahoma in January to assume management of the Woolworth store in that city.

Mr. Holmes has the best wishes of his many friends in railway service here. He comes from a family of dyed in the wool "rails" and his grandfather is the best known engineer on the Southern R. R. His father and brother are still in the service.

CO-OPERATION UNITE FARMERS AND WORKERS

Hitching farmers' co-ops to consumers' stores is one of the big problems of co-operation in this country, declares the All-American Co-operative Commission. And nowhere has a more hopeful attempt been made by city consumers to bring the two together than in the Farmer-Labor Exchange of Chicago. Formed in 1922 to handle strained honey shipped by Idaho farmers, the Exchange put the product in the Windy City's co-operative stores and organized buying clubs among trade unions, teachers in public schools and workers in factories and banks.

The Exchange is now hadling its fifth carload of honey in this manner.

Since starting with honey, the Exchange has handled several car loads of potatoes for a Minnesota farmers' co-operative, large quantities of eggs and poultry from an Iowa association, a car load of watermelons from Arkansas, two cars of grapefruit, one car of oranges and lesser quantities of fruits and vegetables from Farm Labor Unions and co-operative Associations. It is now arranging to handle coal on the same co-operative basis.

Plans are also under way to develop the exchange into a co-operative wholesale for aassociations doing business on the Chicago market. One of its most significant developments is the proposal to serve union labor in a double capacity by handling union-made merchandise, giving it the preference in filling orders from farmers' co-operatives.

Down in the Southwest a similar movement originated by the Farmer-Labor Unions in Texas is spreading to neighboring states to bring together producers of farm and factory for their mutual welfare.

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A LABOR CHAUTAUQUA

When we reached the mining town of Hastings in the mountains of Pennsylvanit, one blustery March day, the wind had turned a banner stretched across the street upside down, so that two miners, painted on the sign of the Labor Chautauqua, were standing on their heads. But there was nothing upside down about the Labor Chautauqua itself.

For five successive nights the comfortable auditorium of the Moose Theatre was filled with miners and their families. They listened to learned addresses and practical organization talks by such men sa Professor David Saposs of the Brookwood Workers' College, President Brophy of District No. 2, United Mine Workers of America, President Maurer of the Pennsylvania Federation of Labor, Richard Hogue, Director of Labor for the Pennsylvania Federation, Paul W. Fuller, the energetic teacher and leader of educational classes in District No. 2, Louis Budenz of Labor Age and Norman Thomas of the L. I. D.

The community did more than listen. It furnished its own entertainers from the ranks of its own children and young people. And mighty good entertainment they gave night after night. As a result, the workers' education class in the little town of Hastings grew from 22 to 75 members.

The whole district, outside of Hastings, has fourteen student classes with a combined membership of 312 students. Classes are studying such subjects as the History of the Labor Movement, Some Aspects of Unemployment, Insurance and the Coal Industry.

The Pennsylvania coal fields are not cheerful places these days save in an occasional fortunate town. The men men are only averaging one or two or three days work a week. Against this background the educational program of the miners stands out more sharply and makes the sympathetic visitor thrill with respect for present achievement and hope for the future.—Norman Thomas.

DEATH OF JUDGE W. P. McLEAN

One of the great lawyers of his time, a man who was found in the front for the questions which benefitted the people, and a man whose public and private life stamped him as a man of honor and respect for the common people. Like most of public and private citizens, he was not thoroughly appreciated, because of his modest and unassuming nature.

Judge McLean was directly responsible for the signature of Governor, S. W. T. Lanham, to the Assumed Risk Law that has been a boon to railway men of this State. When the corporations, especially, the railroads, were clamoring to have Governor Lanham veto that bill, which had been passed by the Texas Legislature in 1905, Judge McLean wrote Governor Lanham, that the bill was only justice toward those who had espoused its passage and that it should be approved.

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SIMPLE CO-OPERATION, DOUBLE PURPOSE

The Journal has commended co-operation since its existence, between the producer and the consumer, and while that sentiment is growing slowly, it should progress more rapidly, according to our thinking. But this co-operation must be real and undefiled co-operation, and without any semblances of being directed by those who have long filched both the producer and the consumer.

It must be financed by these two classes, and that is an easy matter by proper organization. The producer of farm products is the only factor which has not, or have not, been properly organized, but indications are now that this producer is becoming alive to his duty, as well as the necessity to his own protection, and with this apparent result, it is the time for the wage earner of the cities to organize a buying institution, that when the farmers bring their products to the market, the consumer may be able to direct proper buying of such products.

The double purpose comes from the fact that in turn the producer becomes the consumer of the wage earner's products, and the circle becomes a successful intertrading arrangement.

We note from the current number of the Farm Labor Union News, that the organization of the Farm Labor Union of America, is now in position to meet the consumer at the trading line, and by which that organization is ready to make contracts, agreements, or other arrangements through which the consumer of the city can deal direct. When this is fully established, the wage earners should be prepared to meet the situation, and to do so, organization is imperative, if that is to become a real co-operation between the producers of the necessities and the consumer of their products.

Will organized labor accept the farmer's proposal? No other class of labor can accept it, because it requires organization to accomplish anything between any parties to co-operation. Every city in Texas; yes, in the nation, could easily organize for this co-operative purpose, with but a minimum cost to it, and undoubtedly, enjoy a saving of much more than the cost. The farmers must be organized to accomplish, or be a successful party to co-operation with the consumer, and they cannot, because of their inability to organize their people deal with other organized bodies. Will organized labor make the effort?

W. B. Montague of Slaton, was in attendance on the "loss and damage" convention of the Santa Fe, last month, and we met him just a minute. Those attending were quite busy with their duties and escaped our pleasure of an opportunity of meeting them.

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WASHINGTON PRINTERS AFTER CARTER

The Washington Typographical Union is after Silent Calvin to remove one Carter from the Public Printery at the capital city, and the silent one has referred the legal matter to the department of justice. Others besides the printer boys are after the silent one also, because of irregularities in the employment of help in the nation's printery. Cal is a "man of few words" but the combination on his trail now will create more noise around the White House than is usual, since the introduction of the silent one into office.

LABOR HISTORY AT ITS BEST

Poets have sung of heroes in many a useless war. But they and the historians have neglected the great inspiring struggle of labor to be free. Only lately have competent historians begun to make vivid for us the men and women, the tactics they used and the heroism they displayed in the struggle up out of unrelieved wage slavery in coal mines and sweat shops, and the crowded unsanitary ruins of tenement slums.

Dr. Louis Levine has made the most recent contribution to this new literature of the labor movement in his fascinating volume, The Women's Garment Workers, prepared at the expense of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union. The union honored itself by giving the writer, Dr. Levine, a free hand.

It treated him as an historian, not a hired eulogist. He writes not as a sentimentalist, but as a student. He combines human warmth and color with a thoughtful analysis of the ebb and flow of organization in the clothing industry and the successive steps in industrial self-government in which the I. L. G. W. has been a pioneer. Every labor library should contain this volume which has practical suggestions and inspiration for industries far removed from the making of coats and dresses.—Norman Thomas.

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Mr. Burbank also quotes prices on the Royal walnuts and trees, for their best selected nuts by the "1,000 $40;" the best selected one year old trees by the "100 $60." In a letter to Mr. Riley from Senor C. Garza Castro, governor of Coahuila, which letter bears date of March 16th, we find him saying: "The Mexican Government respects all religions and our law guarantees free religious beliefs to every one. Therefore, as regards immigrants into this country, we only desire honorable persons, good workers and I believe that the famalies referred to by yourself, must fill these requirements and that they aim to benefit themselves as well as to benefit this country by their activities.

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The letter to Mr. Riley the one from which we quote, bear recent date, the one from Governor Castro, March 16th the one from Mr. Burbank, March 18. We have known Mr. Riley for many years and know him to be thoroughly reliable in anything he says.

The letters we have quoted as well as many others we have, to numerous to quote, is apparent proof that he and his associates are capable and conceintious and if a co-operation with them is desired we suggest giving this careful investigation.

PASSING OF CHAS. A. CULBERSON

United States Senator for many years, Governor and Attorney General of Texas, Mr. Culberson was a man of honor and character in public, and private life as well.

A man who was of the people, and never departed from that idea that humanity is first, property second. His service as Governor, gave the railway employes of Texas the "fellow servant law." The regular session of the Legislature, convening in 1893, although the fellow servant question was made a platform demand that session defeated it and Governor Culberson reconvened it in special session, and submitted the question to that special session, and called leaders in and advised them that this question is a platform demand of the Democratic party, as well as being a question that should be enacted into law, and that the question must be favorably acted upon, or the session might last all summer.

It was enacted into law at that special session and Governor Culberson signed the bill. His record in the United States Senate is without criticism and his memory will linger with the great masses of the people of this State.

The Panther City entertained the Santa Fe officials and employes who attended the convention discussing the "loss and damage" questions last month. There were many of their train and enginemen present, of which we knew nothing prior to the time of their departure.

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Statements that are about as ridiculous as one could imagine, even from a disordered brain. This propaganda is really not good nonsense, say nothing of what men of intelligent minds should authorize. But this rule is to be followed even though the clouds fall —on their authors.

The "new Mellon plan" is now abroad in the land and the sale tax, or its equivalent, is to be put into law at the next session of the National Congress. Propaganda of the real sort, generally put out by the backers of the present administration, is to be seen everywhere, and most anywhere one may look. The government must back the investor in big deals, or the government and the great mass of the people must suffer by means of deflation, or any other method by which they can be fleeced.

ABOUT QUIT THE PRACTICE

The railroads practiced putting in print the names of organized labor when trouble was feared, or a strike already in course of adjustment. They have abandoned this practice—for cause. But it is interesting to note a list of car repairers of the Pennsylvania railroad at Pittsburgh, recently, when wheels of a dining car were changed, twelve of them, and while the train was held awating the repairs. The list of the names of the men in that repair gang, including the foreman, follows:

"Lehr, foreman; S. Pluto, A. Teofilak, J. Grosiak, G. W. Euler, J. Stacherski, J. Lujic, J. Majkut, J. Kozak, F. Pasko, P. Sikora, C. Belancey, P. Starkowitz, R. Cillo, J. Bruszak, J. Pavlovic, M. Dvorabic, J. Koss, J. Starkowitz, A. C. Hussong and A. Dawidowicz." Now laugh!

Of course, there's nothing in a name and yet—it makes us "Hoss & Hoss."

Another appointment by the president that the Senate refused to confirm, was that of Thomas F. Woodlock, a noted writer of financial affairs. Dubbed as an agent of Wall Street, the Senate refused confirmation, but the president made a recess appointment of Mr. Woodlock, and which will, in all probability, be another stumbling block in the President's path when the regular session convenes in December.

It is very evident that the rule for the President to have the advise and approval of the Senate, before appointees entered into service, was made for a good purpose, but the consent and advise of any body is not according to the Wall Street rule, and that rule goes now-a-days, especially in governmental appointments, even though their service is for the people, they must serve the master. His peculiar fitness, which fitness is needed at this important moment, caused the appointment during recess of Mr. Woodlock, that the Interstate Commerce Commission should not suffer entire destruction, which would? have occurred had not the President jumped into the breach and saved the day. Silent Calvin is there when necessity calls.

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Too many of our institutions, private institutions, have become objectionable in many ways and for many reasons, because of the undue influence of the foundationers, and to take our wee feller into the garden of the men and women who help with their means, merely for the power it gives, is erroneous in principle and The Journal stands fernInst.

The Texas Child Labor Law was amended at the last session of the legislature; made a little better, but could be still improved in some provisions. The defeat of the Federal Child Labor Amendment, though organized labor was supporting it, had some influence on the passage of the Texas amendment to the Child Labor Law now in existence. False propaganda defeated the Federal Child Labor Amendment, not only in Texas, but in other states as well.

Texas has her penitentiary troubles, but the usual "two sides" to all questions make it possible for the average citizen to know just what is wrong with that institution. The regular session, just closed, at least the House of Representatives, thought they knew what was necessary to be done, but the Senate was not able to find out—for certain. Our troubles are not troubles at all, when we know nothing of them. A sad commentary.

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MATT S. BOGART

The passing of M. S. Bogert leaves a trail of a good man, and one who made conditions better by reason of his coming "this way".

One of the best known railroad men in the Suothwest, representing his Division nationally, perhaps, more continuous years than any other man in the Order. Served as a member of the Brotherhood Railroad Brakemen prior to his becoming a member of the Order Railway Conductors. He was an active worker in the Broadway Baptist Church for many years and where his influence for real christianity was well established. His was a life of devotion for the betterment of humanity in this life and the life beyond the grave.

He is survived by his widow, to whom The Journal joins his legion of friends in offering the sincere sympathy for the departure of a loving and devoted husband and to all others, a sincere friend.

The funeral, the Rev. Forest Smith officiating at the church, and the Order at the grave side, was attended by hundreds of friends, and, literally a mountain of flowers was offered as a token of respect by the friends.

Passing to the life beyond
Justifies his living,
Every mile post left behind
Marks his freely giving
Of his talents to mankind
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To the Officers and Members
Division 57, O. R. C.:

Your committee appointed to draft resolutions upon the death of Brother M. S. Bogert, respectfully submit the following:

RESOLVED; That in the death of Brother Matthew S. Bogert, March 12, 1925, Evergreen Division sustained the most severe blow in its history. Identified with our Division since its creation he was the most important factor in its upbuilding and in the growth of our organization.

For thirty years he served us faithfully and efficiently as secretary of our local Division and delegate to the Grand Division. For twenty-five years he served as general chairman of the Texas and Pacific conductors, and upon him the burden fell. The entire membership of Div. 57 and the entire membership on the T. P. Ry., share in this irreparable loss. He has left us, but his work remains as a monumnet to his memory. Space forbids an attempt to recount the efforts he has made for the betterment of his brother conductors.

We would put before our members the life of Brother Bogert. His was not a life of ease, dependent upon others, but a vigorous life of effort for the benefit of his fellow-man. When such a man as he leaves us, we may properly seek to perpetuate his memory. This is not done to render his sleep more peaceful, but to inspire the living to nobler and better lives.

Nothing we may say can reach that realm to which the spirit of our good Brother hath gone, but the living may by the purity of his life, be inspired to nobler and better deeds. Peace to his ashes; God's will be done.

Resolved; That this resolution be spread upon the minutes of our local Division and that a copy be sent to the bereaved family to whom we tender our most heartfelt sympathy, in this their great bereavement.

(Signed)
B. J. FITZGERALD,
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"YOU ARE INVITED"

Conductor C. H. Plumb of the Rock Island, requests that The Journal extend a cordial invitation to all Order Railway Conductors and their families to attend a picnic-dance, at the Rock Island Club at Lake Worth, May 18th, from 3 o'clock to 9 o'clock P. M., and bring well filled baskets.

Be sure to attend this afternoon entertainment and you'll surely have a good time. The Rock Island Club knows how to entertain and the opportunity is yours for the afternoon of May 18th, 1925, fail not to appear personally.

The Teapot Dome, after all, was only a bubble and the plans appeared to have been secretly laid for the pricking of it at the proper time. How silly is the effort, anytime or anywhere, to undertake to prosecute your Uncle Sam's blood kin folks.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT, NEW MEXICO

We are under obligations to C. A. Smith, for the joint report of the Train and Engine Brotherhoods for the recent session of the legislature in that State, and have studied and read it with a good deal of interest. Of course, their legislative organization in that State is young in years, but they have made a very interesting and what ought to prove to be, valuable report, for their membership throughout the State.

One thing noticeable is, their manner of calling a spade a spade in that report. That's commendable, and should give the members of their respective organizations a pointer worth while when they go to the ballot box at their next election, in which members of the legislature are to be voted for.

Another thing we note, which appeals to us, as a good starter, that a bill was enacted by both houses exempting TWO MONTHS wages from garnishment! A righteous step, but it should say every twelve months in every year. Wage workers in Texas are not living under any law that permits the garnishment of their wages. This has been attempted several times, yea, in the last session an effort was made, but it didn't pass.

On the blacklist question, we find the railroads quoted as following their usual tactics in opposing blacklisting. Yea, the railroads should be ashamed, though shame they have not, when it comes to opposing employees' measures of human tendency. We note in New Mexico, the maximum amount for the death of a person, the liability is $5,000; and a bill was submitted changing this, but was defeated.

How about the Federal liability law in such cases? The Brotherhoods are supporting an amendment to their constitution, which seeks to raise the wages from $5.00 per day for their legislators to $7.00 per day, and though these good men return to their membership disappointed by the action of their legislators, they are willing to raise their pay. A commendable act, we'd say.

This report appears to have been the first joint organized report of the Brotherhoods for New Mexico, and the start is a good one, and the sentiment therein is sufficient to establish that the Brotherhoods have men on guard in that State who can be trusted to represent them in any emergency.

Look out for the Faker; he's abroad in the land; and when he shows up with his basket of "flowers", find out just who he pretends to represent and wire those of his constituents, and KNOW THE TRUTH. The Journal will render whatever assistance it can, when called upon.

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JAMES F. DOWNING, DEAD

James F. Downing died the 19th of last month, at his home, 1520 College Avenue, after several months illness. He was a member of the Order Railway Conductors, and had been for many years. He was not in service at the time of his death, because of injuries he received several years ago on the Rio Grande Division of the Texas and Pacific.

He had been engaged in the real estate business for several years. A splendid citizen, a faithful friend and loving husband and father. He is survived by his widow, one son of St. Louis, and a daughter, Mrs. Schults, of Fort Worth. The Journal joins his many friends in a most sincere sympathy to the family in their hour of bereavement.

Funeral service were held at the residence, Rev. Young of the College Avenue Presbyterian Church, officiating. Many friends attended, and a large number followed to the last resting place, where the Order Railway Conductors had charge of the services. The many expressions of sympathy of friends and the flowers told all how the good man was held in the esteem of all who knew him.

Ex-Senator Kellogg, one of the national administration's "lame ducks" has succeeded to the throne of Secretary of State, relieving Secretary Hughes.

The press, the big? press, is carrying an eloquent story of Kellogg's boyhood trials, and how he labored on the farm all day and late into the night with his books, seeking an education. It quotes him as saying the only regret of his life is, that he was not permitted to receive a college education. All those trials and tribulations of his boyhood is responsible? for the great and honored? position he now holds, instead of his corporation friends being responsible for his success.

Of course, Kellogg is directly responsible for his promotion, but it was not his varied life as a boy, or his sincere service to the people of this nation, or any part of it, that put him where he is. He was down and out politically, and the administration and its matters were directly responsible for it, and so he had to be taken care of—and he deserves it because of his service to them.

B. J. Fitzgerald, Chief Conductor Division 57, Order Railway Conductors, will represent that Division at the National Convention to be held this month in Minneapolis. He'll be absent for about a month.

Mrs. B. R. Bennett, president of Tygard Division 106, Ladies' Auxilary to the Order Railway Conductors, will be absent for several weeks attending the National Convention of that Auxiliary at Minneapolis.

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The State Highway Commission has made a ruling that leads to the working of a nine hour day in road building. For arguments sake, admitting the ruling, tecnically legal, what about the precedent being set by the State?

Are employees in any other department of State being worked more than eight hours a day? Economy should be practiced, not only by the State officials, but by every individual in or out of State employment, but, surely, the State has long since recognized the principle of an eight hour work day, and the State should be the last to forfeit that principle.

Like the usual position of the employer, public or private, when economy becomes the salient question, the laborer MUST carry the sacrifices instead of the higher paid employee, acting as employer with authority to lower or raise wages, either by dollars and cents or by hours and minutes.

The Journal regrets, or will regret to see this principal thrown aside by the Highway Commission, or any other department of State, but rather be in favor of upholding it instead.

The organization of the workers of this nation brought about, and has well established the principle of an eight hour day and only through their organizations and by years of sacrificing effort and no government has the right to deny that which governments have adopted, agreed to, and almost, if not universally, followed.

There seems to have been no cause for extravagance in the labor accounts of the Highway Commission, but most every charge points to extravagance, if any at all, to other items, and therefore, the laborer, those who do the real service, should not be called upon to carry the burden of economy, or whatever reason may be applied for the reduction in cost of our road building in Texas.

We hope the Highway Commission may realize the sacrifice to organized labor in this late ruling, and decide to make some other item the "goat" of the economy so much desired by that body. A thing that is right, according to our way of thinking, is never wrong, no matter what it costs to carry out that principle that is right.

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A NOTE OF WARNING

Befor ea good roads association convention at Houston recently, James Ferguson gave voice to a warning that may well be harkened to in the matter of issuing bonds for road building.

Mr. Ferguson said the matter of "issuing forty year bonds for four year roads" will finally bring the people to grief. He also said: "that the people are in favor of a gasoline tax for road building purposes," and, which, undoubtedly is true. The people who use the roads most, have a legal and moral duty to pay the tax for building and for up-keep. Those who use the roads least, pay less tax, because it is merely paying for service, and that is all there is to it. Like any service institution for the benefit of the people, the public, pay when they ride, or when they ship.

Every generation should pay its own way, except, perhaps, in an extreme condition or calamity, and under which, the issuing of bonds may be justified. The matter of bonded indebtedness today is staggering to one who can see it as it really exists, and yet, from every direction in government we are continually urged to vote bonds. The limit, undoubtedly, has been reached.

Correct political co-operation is, to draft the man, and stay away from the cronic office seeker. The ridiculous conditions today in our public life will never be changed until that sentiment prevails. Are YOU ready to assist in bringing that change about?

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Certainly the number of law violations from petty stealing to apparent cold blooded murders are greater than the times would indicate, by comparison in population and opportunity.

Of course, most any careful reader will fully realize that there are some reasons for lawlessness, but just to point out what those reasons are would be difficult to perform. About all any one knows is, that there are a woeful number of crimes being enacted daily, hourly, yea, momentarily, and many of which are awful when one comes to disect what may, or may not be the purposes of those committing them, and the apparent ease by which the criminals too often escape what would ordinarily, be accepted as justice for the crime committed.

There is, evidently, something seriously wrong or weak in our system of prosecutions, that too many fail to receive proper punishment for the crime committed. What's the remedy? We do not know, but surely there is a proper and easy remedy.

Think of it! The Premier of France proposes to make a direct levy for tax upon the rich in that country to relieve the present financial embarrassment of that nation. Of course, he's a socialist, admittedly, but what of it? Well, its not a direct dividing up with the pore trash, but merely relieving the pore folks, and charging up against the rich folks for tax enough to relieve a bad situation. If Mr. Herriot, for that is who we are writing, lived in America, we'd put him out of the way quite instanter for such foolishness.

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HASTEN THE FALL

That makeshift of tyrany, that National Labor Board, is tottering and cannot last much longer, even though the present administration may continue to hurry with one check after another, but it must go, simply, and because it was created for compulsion and especially, to compel the railway employee to do as directed, law or no law.

The company union was created for additional protection to the Labor Board. But no "yellow dog" institution can save it from everlasting ruin. The decision of the Supreme Court recently, got its number, and it's bound to have a certain and deathly ending.

The poor old thing might have survived several years longer had men of reasonable sympathy with humanity had places as members, but with those of autocratic and vindictive tempers and ambitions to make a name for themselves before the power that—maybe—something useful might have emerged from its short existence. It's doomed. It must go to the rip track, or the final burying ground of a worthless piece of brokendown and wornout machinery.

"Co-operation is the act of working together towards a common end or of uniting for a common purpose. The success of co-operation lies not in co-operation itself but in the individuals who co-operate."

1,000 LABOR BANKS WITHIN 10 YEARS

Every industrial city of America will have its cooperative bank within the next ten years, if the prediction of Warren S. Stone, head of the world's greatest chain of labor banks, comes true. That it will is a foregone conclusion, for Stone speaks as President of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, which started with one bank in 1920 and now has 12, with several more in immediate prospect.

From 32 institutions at present, labor banks will sxpand to 100 by 1926, Stone told members of a Cleveland financial club recently, and by 1935 there will be at least 1,000 cooperative banks catering to the needs of small depositors and investors. The Engineers banks place cooperation in the very mechanism of their organization by sharing profits with the depositors.

Ninety per cent of the $3,000,000 paid out annually to widows of locomotive engineers was wasted in ill-advised investments in the days before the Engineers banks were serving the union, Stone declared. This coupled with the need for finding a satisfactory investment outlet for the funds involved in carrying $200,000,000 worth of insurance and pensions on members of the Brotherhood led Stone to found the first labor cooperative bank in the United States, following a thorough study of European cooperative banks.

So confident has the community at large become in the Brotherhood Banks that 86 per cent of the deposits come from others than organized wage earners. Banking by mail has been encouraged for the benefit of engineers living in small cities. A questionnaire sent members of the Brotherhood shows that 82 per cent own their own homes and 68 per cent own automobiles, while over 64 per cent have children in college. President Stone emphasized these high standards among his membership as an indication that the Brotherhood Banks have made thrift attractive to the rank and file.—Cooperative News Service.

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WHAT? AINT IT AWFUL!

After, oh! no tellin' how many weary years the Federal Government has been buying the "robes" of its distinguished Federal Judges, but the Attorney General now finds no provision that the Government should do this, and has Congress make special appropriation for that little item for its judiciary, or they will be forced to ask for an increase in wages so that they may keep spick and span during their arduous services on the bench.

We have no disposition to poke fun at our distinguished Judges, or to be elated over the mere fact that they may be compelled to buy their own robes. So far as we are concerned, we'd feel perfectly at home in their presence on the bench dressed as an ordinary layman, and believe they could and would dispense justice just as correctly and justly as they do clothed in official garments, assuming the law, or the rules at least, require this character of dress of the Federal Judges.

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MINE OWNERS CAUSE DISASTERS IN MINES

London, England, April 25.—Labor leaders hold mine owners and the British government jointly responsible for the mining disaster near Newcastle in which 38 miners were killed.

Labor men claim the mine owners refuse to comply with the legal safety requirements of the mining law and that the government does not compel them to obey the law.

George Hirst, one of the miner members of Parliment, pointed out that both fatal and non-fatal mine accidents had increased during the last five years, the fatal accidents running from 1, 103 in 1920 to 1,293 in 1924, and the non-fatal accdients from 116,930 in 1920 to 211,610 in 1924, a total for the five year period of 5,554 fatal accidents and 811,298 non-fatal accidents..

Mr. Warren, the labor member from the constituency in which the mine disaster occurred, declared that such calamities would not take place if the miners act was properly applied. He said that although the miner was driven to take the risks in his work in order to secure a living for his family, he did object to being caught like a rat in a trap by flooding or explosion largely due to neglect in carrying out mining regulations.

Robert Smillie, veteran official of the miners' union, claimed that during the 70 years preceding the war more men were killed and injured in the mines than in all of Great Britian's battles during that period. He likewise charged responsibility for mining disasters to the mine owners' refusal to obey the mining law. "I have attended over 100 inquiries," he said , "and in the majority of them the explosions that took place could have been prevented by proper legislation or even under existing legislation if carried out."

Mr. Smillie also advocated the French system of workmen inspectors under which representatives of the miners themselves devote their whole time to mine inspection.

Speaking of Child Labor, a report comes from North Carolina that the white child meets the negro child between the mill and the school, the white on the way to the mill and the black on the way to school! Just what does this mean, especially, when it is a condition of the South? Labor, published in Washington, is responsible for this information.

The white man in the South largely supports the school for the black, that they may become intelligent and respectable—but what of the white child under this manner of education and service to humanity?

G. Wash English, a Federal Judge across the river at St. Louis is on the carpet for investigation, and appears to be up against serious charges of dishonesty and graft, as a Federal Judge. His defense appears to be ignorance of the law! G. Wash, a Federal Judge—ignorant of the law! What do you think of that? G. Wash is like unto too many other violators of the law, he possesses a diseased brain, naturally, a criminal, and cannot help it.

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Was depressing, that I know,
But the glad hand has been given
By my neighbors where I go.

And perhaps some day you'll miss me
For the "fog" I used to raise,
With that cob that brought me pleasure
In those good old balmy days;
And the tears may gently trickle
Down your cheeks so pale and white,
And just wish once more to see me
Puffing that old "pesky" pipe.

C. F. G.

December, 1905.

A SATISFACTORY SETTLEMENT

After a whole year of negotiating, and buckin' the Railroad Labor Board, the Brotherhood Locomotive Engineers and the Brotherhood Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen, of the Western District, have made full and satisfactory settlement of a wage and condition of service, that has been a long drawn out contest between those Brotherhoods and the railroads of this district.

Every one of the railroads in the district but one, at this writing, have settled. The Trinity and Brazos Valley were still holding out at the last report we had.

This promised to be serious for some time, really looked as though there might be trouble, but after the railroads found that the brotherhoods had bid the Labor Board a farewell, and the courts had passed upon the controversy, putting the board out of the contest, then the rail lines began to wake up, and came down off their high hoss, and it took but a short time to settle and settle fairly to all concerned.

That tarnal Labor Board has been a thorn in the side of the railroads as well as organized labor, but the pesky thing is now in a class to its dear self, and which will permit its honored? chairman to make many more of his stormy attacks upon the brotherhoods in behalf of the pore old railroads. The board members will soon be in "lame" duck class, looking fer more interesting and stiddy employment.

"YELLOW DOG" UNION

Have you seen the provisions of the company union contract which must be signed by applicants for employment where the employer requires such a contract? Well, we are quoting it below for your information:

"Said employee will not become a member of any labor union and will have no dealings, communications or interviews with the officers, agents or members of any labor union."

That represents an Open Shop Institution in this free country, and those who force such a condition upon humanity will have to hand in an "assumed" name when he reaches the Pearly Gates for entrance into the future life.

St. Peter may not keep as complete and perfect a black list as the Open Shopper does, but if he has one anything like an accurate list he'll get some of them when they knock for admittance.

If that provision is legitimate in any contract, then every labor union in this nation should be destroyed by the government, and not a single local, or national union should be permitted to exist, say nothing of the apparent right to which they now occupy in holding meetings, and boldly? acknowledge membership in a labor union.

The Council of Fort Worth has finally, employed a city manager, and know nothing, of course, about the qualifications he has, but feel sure he is well equipped for the job, but what we don't quite understand is, why the council were not able to find a man in Fort Worth who was capable of doing the job? We were against the manager plan of government, but if we are to have a city manager, then a Fort Worth man should have been given the position.

POLITICAL ORGANIZATION IMPERATIVE

There are no apparent changes in the sentiment anywhere to be found except that which has furnished plenty food for organized labor to subsist upon, and the tidings continue to come from all points of the compas that without political organization nothing worth while can be accomplished. Not only in labor circles, but outside among its friends in all walks of life give positive expression that the cause is futile unless some form of positive and well meaning political organization is had and continued with only service for the greatest number and not merely for political preferment for the few who are always bearers of lightning rods for selfish reasons, and which is the character of political organization that has always and so far, universally, destroyed heretofore political organizations of working people, both in the city and the country.

The last two years in Texas, it did look as though an honest-to-goodness political organization was going to function, but alas, those who were trusted as moving for the benefit of the great majority, got the bug, and the result, as usual, is the same. Is it possible that working people cannot successfully organize politically?

IN THE MOVIES

It is contemplated, within the next month or two, by the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen's organization to put on the screens of this nation a four reel show. This is, primarily, a publicity movement by the Trainmen, and it will give a minute history of the organization and progress of that splendid body, generally known, as a labor organization.

The National Convention of the Trainmen is now in session in Cleveland, Ohio, and it is thought that every detail of the movie show will be worked out and the public given an insight of the life of a man serving the railroads as a train employe, and the dangers and discomforts of the thousands of men all over this nation who are serving the railroads directly, and the public indirectly. The Journal commends the effort of the Trainmen in this gigantic undertaking, and hopes to see these interesting illustrations shown on the screen throughout the country.

THE OPEN PORT LAW

Organized labor pronounced the Industrial Court Law of Kansas as being unconstitutional, and it was right. It has contended ever since the Open Port Law was enacted by Bill Hobby, as governor, that it, too, is unconstitutional, and time will prove that position is right, and in our humble opinion that will be the final result, if it ever comes before a court upon that point.

The corporations have made merry, many times, over the beautiful work that the Open Port advocates have accomplished in labor troubles, but have always been careful to allow the final decision to rest, because, we believe, they fully realize it is faulty, from a legal standpoint.

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BEWARE OF POLITICIANS

Ninety per cent of the troubles we have had inside or outside this organization were due to POLITICIANS —fellows with axes to grind.

Trust nobody who does not put the good of the organization ahead of his own little selfish good. Keep out the politicians and keep away from them. The best of them can do little for us and the mass of them are a delusion and a snare—merely a mirage on the desert of capitalism.

Let us first build up a business organization of dirt farmers and then we'll know best what political action to take and we shall also then UNITEDLY take that action which we can and will not do as long as we are disorganized from an economic standpoint.—Farm-Labor Union News.

The policy of the Farm Labor Union of America is sound, in our judgment, politically, as well as industrially, and, of course, the industrial end must of necessity, be first builded, but time off ought to be taken just long enough to drive the self-seeking political job hunter to the brush, and let no man carry the prestige in his vest pocket, because of, perchance, he may hold an official position with the union.

We respect any man in any organization who serves his own class first, but the fellow who seeks office merely because it is a disease with him, should not be permitted to have a front seat, where he is allowed to ply his trade for self benefit at the expense of his associates in the organization. Yes, build your business organization first, but keep your weather eye on the fellow who is showing you how much it will benefit YOU, should he reach the goal—of a political position —that the nut that carries the worm instead of an healthy kernel. Yes, he'll show you—after a political boss has shown him.

The fellow who stands in the way of that self-interested seeker for office, will be dubbed by the seeker. Oh well, thats just "sour grapes" and we acknowledge the charge—for be it known, that we have been seeking political office for many years, but our manner of seeking doesn't appear to be successful, and therefore, we are suffering from "sour grapes."

DEAR OLD OHIO

Recently a whole flock of peace officers plead guilty of violations of the law themselves up in dear old Ohio, and which must be unusual in speaking of other states of this Union. Certainly the pecae officers of Texas are not subject to criticism in this direction, because throughout all dominion where we have any opportunity to get information, Texas stands in the front rank when it comes to preventing law violations? and properly prosecuting the same when it does occur in the confines of this great State.

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COOPERATORS GET OUT THE VOTE

Indifference and apathy have no place in the Consumers Cooperative Services, Inc., New York's hustling cooperative central which has organized three thriving cafeterias, a bakery and a laundry. "The Cooperative Crier" is the chief foe in the drive on General Apathy as the elections near. The little paper describes in crisp—and humorous—English, the tasks of the nominating committee and the board of elections while the staff cartoonist has done his part in drawing out a full vote for the new board of directors.

Organized but five years ago with one cafeteria, the enterprise launched into two other fields of service, laundering and baking with such remarkably encouraging results that a credit union is now being considered.—Cooperative News Service.

The $2,000,000 bond issue for the schools of Fort Worth should not be voted now, because a business man was denied a place on the School Board, and therefore, the money will be wasted! What does a woman know about the financial end of the school question and the argument handed out for the business man, indicated that there is not any one elese on the Board. Shux.

Political independence is impossible without organization.

CHILD MANAGEMENT

How many parents realize that the spoiled child is really a mentally sick child?

This question is suggested by the latest bulletin of the Children's Bureau of the United States Department of Labor.

The bulletin is called "Child Management" and was written for the bureau by Dr. D. A. Thom, an authority on mental hygiene. Dr. Thom organized "habit clinics" for children in Boston and has general charge of eight such clinics established by the Massachusetts State Division of Mental Hygiene.

"Child Management" is the first publication of its kind issued by the Children's Bureau. It brings to the average parent in simple and practical form the results of modern research in the mental-hygiene field, just as the bureau's pamphlet on prenatal, infant and child care, which have reached a circulation of nearly four and a half million, have brought to mothers and fathers the results of the research of medical and health specialists.—U. S. Childrens Bureau.

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Save your money and get an insurance policy free. This inducement, offered by the Amalgamated Bank of Chicago, has appealed so strongly to President Fitzpatrick of the Chicago Federation of Labor that he is urging trade unionists to take advantage of it for their own protection. The cooperative bank offers a $5,000 accident insurance policy with every deposit which starts at a minimum of $5 and is kept at $25 or more within a reasonable time. "Every man who travels around the dangerous streets of Chicago," says Fitzpatrick, "should be protected with one of your policies."—Cooperative News Service.

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FOOD PRICE BOOSTERS KEEP ON BOOSTING

Washington, April 25.—Retail merchants boosted the price of food products 56 per cent during the 12-year period ending with March 15, 1925, according to figures made public by the U. S. bureau of labor statistics.

For the year ending March 15, they limited their boosting to 5 per cent.

During the month ending March 15, they jacked up the price of 25 articles of food, running all the way from a 23 per cent boost for pork chops to 10 per cent for butter, 9 per cent for bacon, and 6 per cent for ham.

According to the bureau, the wholesalers also got active in price raising during the last year. In round numbers they raised farm products 17 per cent, foods 12 per cent, miscellaneous commodities 11 per cent, and cehmicals and drugs 3 per cent. Taking into consideration the few articles on which wholesalers were compelled to drop prices, they increased the general price level over 7 per cent for the year.

PRESCHOOL CLINICS, NEW JERSEY

Trenton is now examing many of its preschool children. Sixty per cent of the new enrollment for this present school year has been examined previously. Of the 596 children examined 83 were pronounced perfect and 237 were without dental defects. Follow-up visits made after the examination revealed some progress in the correction of defects.—U. S. Childrens Bureau.

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Sickness in the family, bringing little Willie or Nelie into the world, unemployment—these or a score of other pressing reasons exist to necessitate the borrowing of $50 or $100 in an emergency. The credit union is established to meet that very need and what more convenient unit is there for its operation than the trade union or the shop? The Headgear Workers Union instituted its credit union in June of 1924. Today the union has 600 members with a capital stock of $60,000. Hundreds of members have been accommodated, while other hundreds have had their savings invested with safety and a higher return than they could hope for otherwise.—Cooperative News Servic.e

COAL COOPERATIVE MAY SERVE MIDDLE WEST

Cooperative coal for Chicagoans and for farmers in seven neighboring states is the ambitious but practical plan of C. F. Lowrie, manager of the Farmer-Labor Exchange, 179 W. Washington Street. Not only will the black diamonds be cooperative and 100 per cent union, but the Exchange will have the jump on all its competitors by effecting a saving of at least 67 cents on every ton.

This is because Lowrie will buy from the Cleveland, Ohio, Cooperative Coal Co., which has saved Clevelanders $300,000 and can save even more for Packer Town. The Cleveland co-op, organized by the All American Cooperative Commission, is negotiating with the Farmer-Labor Exchange now for the coming season.

The Farmer-Labor Exchange has experienced a remarkable growth in the past year, being lodged now in its own warehouse, besides having space in four others. Idaho honey, selling at $2.63 for a 5-pound pail in private stores, was retailed by Lowrie directly to Chicago unionists for $1, but the producers nevertheless got the highest price ever offered them. Eggs are sold at 5 cents under regular quotations. Minnesota potatoes sold at 60c a bushel under market prices, although growers received better than going prices.—Cooperative News Service.

Mr. and Mrs. I. M. Dean went to El Paso recently to attend the funeral of S. E. Ord, an old friend and who has been running a locomotive out of El Paso for many years. He lost his life in an accident while driving his automobile, brought about by heart failure.

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Indianapolis, Ind.—Warning that the personal indebtedness of the average American wage earner has grown to an alarming amount, endangering independence of the worker, will be issued to members of the International Typographical Union as a result of a living cost survey made by the union's statistical department, it was announced today in a statement by James M. Lynch, president, and J. W. Hays, secretary-treasurer of the union.

"Thrift lessons will be included in work of the bureau of education and no effort will be spared to convince our membership of the seriousness of the situation," said Mr. Lynch.

"Good wages and healthful working conditions cannot add greatly to the wage earner's happiness if he persists in getting into debt. The root of the evil is the tremendous growth of the credit business, which in the last decade has raised a need for defence of the worker against the 'high pressure' type of salesman. Bankers and business men realize the gravity of this condition, but find it difficult to check the trend away from thrift.

"Rapidly increasing production and lack of foreign markets has turned the full force of the nation's highly organized selling force upon the domestic field. The result is the wage earner, as well as other classes, has been driven into debt. That statement contains no reflection on the worker's intelligence. What chance has he against an army of smart professionals, who lie awake nights figuring out scientific ways to break down his 'sales resistance.' Resisting salesmen is not the worker's chief business in life, but selling is the life work of the sales manager and salesman.

"It is possible these days to 'buy' almost anything under the sun with a small down payment. That the worker is entitled to some of life's luxuries as well as its necessities is a fundamental tenet of trade unionism, but that he should be haggled into mortgaging its future earnings, deprived of independence and worried into an early grave is decidely unsound from any viewpoint.

"Business itself is suffering as well as the consuming public from this state of affairs. It is being driven to an impasse. Buying power is being sopped up in advance of its development, cost of doing business is increasing fearfully. Credit, which formerly extended down the line to the retailer where cash relief came to turn back the commercial stream, now runs on indefinitely. Few business men like it, but nearly all see credit as a necessity of competition.

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"America, the greatest creditor nation on earth with ten and one-half billions owing to her, is in a fair way to become the greatest nation of debtors on earth. Continuous prosperity will never be possible if individual wealth is to be spent before it is created. Competition in lengthening terms of credit is aggravating the evil.

"As one result of our living cost survey we will direct attention of printers to the wise precepts of their patron saint, Benjamin Franklin, and the education bureau will endeavor to instill in minds of apprentices the conviction that thrift is a requisite of the successful workman.

"While on the subject it might be pointed out that the citizen of tomorrow will need to practise thrift if he is to bear his share of the gigantic bonded indebtedness the several governmental units of the country are piling up."

WEST TEXAS LINE LINKS BALLINGER-SANTA ANNA

The last tall pole of the new electric high line of the West Texas Utilities Company connecting Ballinger with Santa Anna, Texas, was set at the outskirts of Elm Creek on February 18, and the wire was strung the next day.

The new high line which connects Ballinger with Santa Anna and which will also serve Talpa and Valera, assures Ballinger of two-way electric service over the West Texas Utilities Company's lines, as there is an interconnection just east of Santa Anna with the Texas Light & Power Company permitting an interchange of current between the two systems should emergencies arise.

"Instead of poles, giant steel towers eighty feet high will carry the high line through and to the great substation and switching tower which is to be erected near the new ice plant of the company," says the Ballinger Ledger, while commenting on the West Texas Utilities Company line.

The next line in the web will be completed between Winters and Ovalo which will tie all of the Runnels, Tom Green and Coleman county lines into the main transmission net of the West Texas Utilities Company which will add a still further safeguard to continuous electric service on the Ballinger lines.

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LABOR CHILDREN HOLD CONVENTION

Children of union labor members, representing more than twenty New York clubs of Pioneer Youth of America, at their first convention on Saturday, April 4, adopted a resolution urging all club members to see that their parents buy union label brand. They also urged all clubs to raise money and clothes for the striking West Virginia miners. The convention adopted a tentative inter-club constitution, instructed the club to elect delegates to a permanent central committee, and decided to send delegates to a New York Conference of Youth Organizations.

Of unique interest was the fact that the convention was managed entirely by the children. They had their own officers and committees, and their own Convention Committee had worked out all the recommendations which were later acted upon. The delegates, ranging in age from 9 to 17 years, were the children of machinists, printers, painters, carpenters, clothing workers and many other union members.

The convention, held in the auditorium of the International Ladies' Garment Workers Union, 3 West 16th street, New York, was called because of the desire of the older clubs for the formation of a permanent central body representing all the Pioneer Youth children's clubs in the community so as to co-ordinate the work of the various clubs and organize inter-club activities.

The convention opened with the singing of Pioneer Youth songs. Greetings were received from a number of trade union officers and active workers in the field of workers' education. The various clubs rendered reports of their activities, most interesting of which were those of the Nature and Athletic Club, which announced that it had collected five cents a week from each member until it had a total of $5.00 to send to the West Virginia miners on strike; the report of the Leader Club that it was collecting money and clothes for the miners; and that of the Lincoln Progressives that they had voted to send $1.50 out of their $2.00 treasury to the tornado sufferers in the middle west. It was announced that 3 bundles of clothes had already been sent to the West Virginia miners and that more were being collected.

Thomas J. Curtis, president of the adult organization which sponsors the Pioneer Youth movement, said, regarding this innovation in labor activities:

"This convention marks a great step forward for Pioneer Youth. While the children's clubs were all self-governing, most of their time heretofore has been taken up with discovering their own abilities, with accustoming themselves to working as groups, and planning their own program. Now, however, their interests have definitely grown beyond their own club and they are ready jointly to assume responsibility for a good deal of the work of inter-club activities.

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Youth vitality is the fact that the children have shown so much interest, not alone in forming and conducting their own clubs, but as well in their efforts to make Pioneer Youth a factor in the community."

Pioneer Youth, which proposes to develop an out of door club and camp program for workers' children, and to combine it with activities that will help in developing an interest in the social ideals on which the labor movement is based, has been endorsed by numerous labor organizations and is now beginning to extend its work to the states of Pennsylvania and New Jersey. — National Association for Child Development.

COOPERATIVE BANK DEMANDS UNION LABEL

Fifteen hundred wallets, made especially for a big Chicago bank and apparently perfect in every detail, were recently rejected. "I am very sorry," explained the bank president, "but we cannot accept these wallets since they do not contain the label of the International Leather Workers Union."

Out of the hundreds of banks dotting Chicago from Highland Park to Gary, only one in that city of 3,000,000 insists on a union label. It was a labor co-operative bank of course. The Amalgamated Clothing Workers bank insists on full union conditions whenever possible and renders innumerable services for the scores of big labor bodies which are its customers. Like the big B. of L. E. Cooperative National Bank in Cleveland this unique institution prefers to loan money to friendly employers, to cooperatives and to farm associations, nor has it ever lost a penny in such advances. In summer when trade is slack in the garment industry, the bank is fiscal agent for the Unemployment Insurance Office of the Union. Last summer $900,000 was paid out to members unavoidably out of work, and preparations are being made now for the coming slack season.—Cooperative News Service.

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Tom Hickey is dead. Tom Hickey was a strong advocate for socialism, and we never heard of the time or the place Tom Hickey couldn't satisfy his audience that his position was correct. Tom Hickey was a strong speaker and writer and supported humanity rather than the dollar. He was a good man, a sympathetic man, and a friend who could be trusted. Peace to his ashes.

Mr. J. N. Bostick is representing Lodge 81, Brotherhood Railroad Trainmen, in Cleveland Ohio, at the national convention of the Brotherhood, and will be absent for several weeks in his service to the Trainmen of this ctiy. These national conventions of the railroad Trainmen, the detail work is interesting as well as very important to the membership throughout the country.

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COOPERATION TO MAKE RUSSIA RICH

Give Selskosoyus another 10 years and agricultural Russia will be one of the earth's garden spots. This promise, made by enthusiastic executives of Selskosoyus—the abbreviated form in Russian for the All Russian Union Agricultural Cooperatives—seems not a bit exaggerated when the report for 1924 is read. In one year membership jumped 55 per cent, while the total trade turnover exceeded $65,000,000, or three times that of the previous year.

But the most hopeful part of this report—which deals in millions with the ease of a metropolitan bank statement—is the schedule for the distribution of farm machinery in 1925. To replace the antiquated farm tools which are the curse of Russian agriculture. Selskosoyus will turn over 125,000 plows, 25,000 harrows, 6,500 drills, 500,000 scythes, 22,680,000 pounds of seed and 3,000 tractor parts this spring.

The pitiable spectacle of women drawing plows through the hard soil of the prairies will be ended within this decade, far-seeing agricultural directors hope. American aid in the form of tractors and farm machinery is being sent over by Russian Reconstruction Farms, Inc., to help Selskosoyus and the co-ops do their big jobs of revolutionizing farming in the largest agricultural country in the world.—Cooperative News Service.

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"FREE" TRANSPORTATION

Judging from recent expressions heard from our limited surroundings, undoubetedly, the matter of railroads granting free transportation to the members of the legislature and their famailies, is not very popular among the people outside rail circles.

The bill introduced for the consideration of the regular session of the 39th Legislature, permitting the railroads and the Pullman Company, giving transportation free to the members of the legislature and their families, although passed by the session, but vetoed by the Governor, was given some very severe criticism by the newspapers, and so far as we were able to read, this was almost, if not quite universal with the papers throughout the State.

Whether or not this granting of free transportation, would influence the members is the moot question but it is safe to say, if it did, it would undoubtedly, be unconsciously done, so far as the average member is concerned. The great body of legislators desire to do that which is best, in their opinion for the great majority of the people.

However, this could, even unconsciously, drift into favors that would really mean the saving of the outlay of real value to the member, and, if not successful toward influence, it would carry that suspicion to the average citizen with an acute observing faculty.

So then, after all, the vetoing of the Free Transportation Bill by the Governor, was fortunate, in our opinion, both for the people and the legislator, because it prevents what might have grown, even a bitter feeling between the members who supported the bill, and their constituency, because of the real purpose the member entertained as a reason for his vote, and the possibility of agreement with his purpose expressed, by his constituency.

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PART-TIME SCHOOLS, NEW YORK

Ninety thousand boys and girls between 14 and 17 years of age are enrolled in part-time schools in New York State, according to a recent report by Lewis A. Wilson, State Director of Vocational and Extension Education. Under the law children between 14 and 18 not attending full-time day school must attend part time schools where these schools are established. There are 655,000 boys and girls between these ages in the State and 282,000 are outside the full-time schools. The law with regard to part-time schools is working well, the director reports. It has served to keep many children at full-time school who might otherwise have gone to work, and has made for better enforcement of the compulsory school laws.—U. S. Childrens Bureau.

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The sessions of the six international Neo-Malthusian and Birth Control Conference in New York were conducted with dignity, honesty and a genuine spirit of scientific inquiry. The convention was honored by the presence of distinguished foreign delegates and was addressed by them as well as by American scientists and social thinkers.

More than one point of view was presented on the important question of over-population and its relation to peace and well-being. The net effect of the conference was powerfully to strengthen belief in modern methods of birth control as a condition for the intelligent control of the size of population, an enormous aid to the improvement of the quality of population, and a great blessing to individuals who too often are forced by their own ignorance and the hypocrisy of our own laws to bring into the world children crippled in health and beyond the ability of their parents to support. —Norman Thomas.

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The conference ended with a public dinner on the "March of American Imperialism" at which Otto H. Kahn, the banker, joined issue with Scott Nearing, Morris Hillquit and Prof. Earle of Columbia in most interesting fashion. If Messrs. Nearing, Hillquit and Earle agreed as against Mr. Kahn in finding America imperialistic their disagreement on other points added zest to a genuinely four sided discussion.—Norman Thomas.

TYPOGRAPHICAL NEWS LETTER

Indianapolis, Ind.—General understanding and appreciation of the trade union movement are growing as the necessity for such progress is borne in upon an increasing number of minds, says a statement issued from the office of James M. Lynch, president of the International Typographican Union.

In Washington, D. C., physicians and surgeons have formed a society adhering to the trade union idea. The Washington doctors do not attempt to disguise the fact that the prime aim of their society is economic.

In Japan, where western ideas of social organization are still comparatively new, fifteen new labor unions of national scope were organized the first five months of this year. The Japs have been quick to perceive the unionism is not merely an ideal or a working policy but an absolute necessity in modern society.

Business men, professional men and workers have class interests which must be protected in the interests of orderly progress.

Benevolence is not to be trusted to prevent clashes of these several class interests. Each man must have a voice in the matter. Unionism has proved a practical method for giving the individual a voice.

Organized labor, must of right and necessity, wake up to its full duty in the matter of governmental reforms, and which must, and can only be, the result of honest and practical policical action. The ballot is a great instrument of reform, when used for that purpose. The ballot should always represent good, wholesome government.

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The foundation funds must be kept intact, even though the workers go to the "pore" farm. The millions must continue to increase, and those who are seldom really needy, enjoy the luxury of plenty.

The Rockefellers circulate petitions, according to information, asking the company union members to sign, asking the Fuel Company to reduce wages and where employes fail to sign for a cut in their wages, the institutions are shut down and the employes are starved into submission. A wonderful Christian spirit is this, so commonly practiced by the Rockefellers, that their fortunes be increased, and with which power can be extended and the blessed? name of Rockefeller boosted.

SAVE MUSCLE SHOALS!

Again we have Senator Norris to thank for leading the opposition to giving away the nation's water power at Muscle Shoals to private corporations. First we were asked to give it to Henry Ford's corporation. Now Senator Underwood opens the door to a gift of Muscle Shoals to the water power trust. His bill is being rushed at a scandalous pace without allowing time for its proper consideration before a committee. Its thoroughly vicious character is shown by the fact that it proposes to turn over property worth 150 million dollars at a rental of 4 per cent annually on 45 million dollars—the cost of completing Wilson Dam. There is no reason at all that government chemists and engineers cannot develop both nitrates and power as well as private profit seekers. The power monopoly bids fair to be the most dangerous of all our monopolies. The only alternative to it is efficient non-political government ownership.

The whole episode of the Underwood Bill calls attention to two interesting facts in our present political situation: First, the emptiness of party distinctions. Both the support for and the opposition to the Underwood Bill are non-partisan. Second, the weakness of that alleged strong man and leader in governmental economy, President Coolidge. First he supported Senator Underwood's bill and then when opposition developed he let it be known that he would approve of any bill that Congress passed. Queer leadership that from our "determined" and "thrifty" Yankee president.—Norman Thomas.

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Commissioner R. A. Brown, who has been in protracted conference with the Granite Manufacturers' Association representatives and the Union officials, in an effort to avert a suspension of operations in the granite industry in New England, reports a series of adjustments which insures peace in the industry for a period of three years.

The cutters, polishers and tool sharpeners have accepted the old scale, with a minimum of $1 per hour.

The quarry workers have renewed the agreement without change. Their minimum rate is 65 cents per hour.

The granite paving block cutters have also signed up. This part of the craft work on a piece-work basis, a stated price per thousand blocks according to size and quality. The new agreement generally calls for an approximate increase of $2 per thousand blocks.

The new agreements cover the union shops in the New England States, affecting about thirteen thousand men. —U. S. Department of Labor.

Mrs. Kate Osborn is attending the national convention of the Ladies' Auxiliary to the Brotherhood Railroad Trainmen, in Cleveland, Ohio, and will be absent several weeks in attendance on the convention and visiting other points of interest before her return. Mrs. Osborn represents Auxiliary No. 170.

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A group of high mentality and another group of low mentality children were selected for physical tests. The results of these tests showed that the average level of physical development was higher among the children who rated high on intelligence tests than among the children who rated low in these tests.—U. S. Childrens Bureau.

48-HOUR WEEK BILL, N. H.

The New Hampshire House of Representatives has rejected the bill to establish a 48-hour working week for women and minors in industry by a vote of 198 to 153. It is reported that there will be no attempt to introduce the measure in the Senate during the present session.—U. S. Deparmtent of Labor.

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Omaha, Neb.—Printers attending the American Legion national convention here next September will be entertained by Omaha Typographical Union No. 190 at centrally located club rooms, it has been announced here by V. B. Kinney, secretary of the union. All guests of the convention will be welcomed at the printers' headquarters, but the rooms will be maintained especially for reunions of the typos. Of the 70,000 union printers in the country during the World War, 7,343 saw service and 251 were killed in action. Names of all the printers who served in the war are being inscribed on a bronze tablet which will be placed in the Union Printers' Home at Colorado Springs, or in the new headquarters building of the International Typographical Union in Indianapolis.

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From coast to coast the Transcontinental telephone lines cover a distance of 3,650 miles. The route of the air mail fliers is about 2,680 miles the difference being due to the short cuts which the fliers are able to take between points. There are fifteen stops on the aerial mail service route and only one of these, that at Bellefonte, Pa., the first stop west of New York, is not on the telephone line which spans the continent.

Swift as are these air mail planes, winging their way across an entire continent in less than a day and a half, the telephone, with its instantaneous service, can be relied upon to overtake any one of them in its flight and deliver some important message at the next stop. Indeed, the Transcontinental telephone line plans an important role in the success of the air service. If there is any delay in the schedule westward, it is reported from Reno by wire to the landing fields in the Golden Gate, so that the mail authorities know exactly when the big plans will arrive with their mail cargoes.

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SPECIAL CLASSES, OHIO

A report on special classes for mentally deficient children in Ohio schools, recently issued by the Ohio Institute, Columbus, shows that forty school districts in the State maintained such classes during the year 1923-24, with 278 teachers and a total enrollment of 4,957 pupils. It is stated that probably as many more children of school age in the State should be in special classes.—U. S. Department of Labor.

Evidently the cost of living has gone up, with the accent on the up as our national congressmen have increased their own salaries. Perfectly wonderful, to those who enjoy the ability to increase their own wages! If our old friend Hull should happen to go to Washington, well, he'd not call 'em "hill billies."

The majority report of the joint committee investigating the penitentiary conditions, was a strong document, and the House adopted it by a large majority. The Senate has agreed to make some personal observations of its own before it takes action, and it is quite probable that some evidence may be submitted before it within the next few days. Direct reforms are sought by the majority report of the committee and we are rather inclined to believe they should be inaugurated in the interest of economy and humanity.

FELT HAT WORKERS

Orange, N. J.—The firm of F. Beng & Company engages in the manufacture of felt hats. Commissioner Moffit, who had this case in hand, reports that the inability of the contending parties to reach an agreement has resulted in a decision of the company to move its plant from Orange, N. J. to Norwlak, Conn. The trouble was over wages and union recognition.

Open shop will obtain in the new shop.—U. S. Department of Labor.

C. H. Smith, General Chairman, Brotherhood Railroad Trainmen on the Texas and Pacific, headquarters in Fort Worth, is attending the national convention of the Brotherhood in Cleveland, Ohio, as a delegate for his lodge in Louisiana.

Mr. Smith has been representing the Trainmen on the Texas and Pacific for several years, active in all lines of work which has for its purpose the good of the Trainmen, as well as, carrying out the duties of an interested citizen.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Weiler, are in Minneapolis for a few weeks, where Mrs. Weiler is attending the national convention of the Ladies' Auxiliary to the Order Railway Conductors. Mrs. Weiler is a member of the Grand Trustees of the Auxiliary, and after her attendance on the convention, she and Mr. Weiler will visit their old home in the Hoosier State, stopping at several of the prominent places during their trip.

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SEEMS TO BE CORRECT

"Star Chamber" sessions appear to be in order with the newly elected Councilmen; something many of the people object to (but so far not a majority voting), and evidently acceptable, even to the Press.

That's business, however, and political business at that. If the affairs of the people of Fort Worth may be allowed to follow the lines of private business, the manager plan of government will abide, but if the majority of the voters conclude that the affairs should be conducted in the interest of the people, then this manager plan will, finally, fall, as did the Commission form, or plan.

"Star Chamber" session always represent individual, or private affairs, and open sessions is, generally, conceded right where the public is concerned. Which system shall we have?

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Evans left for Cleveland Ohio; Mrs. Evans is a delegate to the Ladies' Auxiliary to the Brotherhood Railroad Trainmen, in session in that city, after which Mr. and Mrs. Evans will visit their old home in the East, and will be absent for several weeks. The Journal wishes them a pleasant and profitable trip and a safe return to their home and friends.

There is some talk of building more railroads in Texas, but what about State's rights? You must go to the seat of Calvin and his wa' hosses, and get their permission before a spike can be driven. We are in the habit of rearing back on our state's rights, but Uncle Sam lifts us back on our feet and tells us to stand firm, not lie, or lean, but stand upright.

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There is little doubt but the Melon plan of taxation as to incomes will be requested by the new Congress which convenes March, the 4th, next, and as well the sales tax, both of which places the greater burden, with honest comparison, upon the small tax payer and which is unjust to the great masses of the people. Certainly, the bit of information which has been given the public through the press of income tax payments justify this statement as that part of the question, and the tariff, as a tax, ought to justify the statement as to the sales tax heretofore presented to Congress, but failed of passage, for the sales tax is nothing more than a tariff tax on everything that the people buy in their daily dealings at the counters of trade.

These two questions of national legislation should be met by the great forces of labor in this country with a renewed determination to defeat them, and to accomplish this we must gather what information possible, and be able to present the opposition argument in an honest and convincing manner, as it was presented heretofore.

In order to do this successfullly, every member of organized labor and farmer should equip himself thoroughly as is possible, so that he may be able to defend his position with his neighbor, his merchant, or any other citizen who might be inclined to take the position favoring the passage by Congress of these two measures. Of course, we understand that this requires considerable careful study of the questions, but that only comes, and should come, as a natural result of such questions being presented for enactment into law, for every citizen should know the real reasons for the enactment of any law, and should inform himself, that he may be well prepared, and the more time one gives to the study of these questions the more time he will find that he has for that purpose, for, after all, its the habits in which we drift into that make us, either more proficient, or more ignorant of what we should know.

The sales tax is unjust to the people as a whole and the present law, say nothing of its erstwhile provisions proposed to Congress, is bad enough, and as then submitted, should not be enacted into law.

The striking shop men of the Pennsylvania Railroad are the most persistant and earnest of any in the United States. Leaving their jobs more than three years ago, they are still standing, and their courage and ability to remain on strike is something to be conjured with. This character of "efficiency" in organization, for that's what it really is, will finally win the battle, for no industry can prevail over these forces.

The bad places in the trail of publishing The Journal, have become anly pleasant memories, though the tribulations then were great burdens to us. Our friends furnished the food, while we sat up nights with it, and nursed it through a seige of at least twelve years of illness, which came very near sendinug it into the trash pile. Do your duty to yourselves in supporting The Journal, we are not asking for sympathy.

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WHAT IT WAS AND WHAT IT SHOULD BE

There are strong indications that every effort will be put forth to prevent the democratic party from retreating to its old moorings. It was the people's party and should be their party yet, and if the indicated plans are again successful, it will be held in captivity by those who realize what it will mean to them if the party is restored to its proper place in national political affairs. So long as the interests can control both machines of the two old parties, they will succeeed in their plundering attempts against the great masses of the people, but if the real democrats of the South, and there are few if any real democrats anywhere else in the country, can come to understand how the party has been manipulated in past years, they'll come to the front with the banner of real progressiveism and take the side of the people, where it onetime so nobly stood, and by which will demonstrate some real strength and accomplishments.

The persecution of United States Senator Burton K. Wheeler, is an evidence of the rottenness in Washington public life, as well as, the dishonesty of the national administration, as an administration, this would, undoubtedly, be identical in the event either of the old parties were in control. It's the iniquity of extreme partisanism that has accumulated for the many years past, that is persecuting men like Senators Wheeler and LaFollette.

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Washington, April 25.—The government of the District of Columbia persists in its determination to prosecute Mrs. Dorothy Ferguson, a member of the Retail Clerks' Protective Association, for walking back and forth on the public sidewalks in front of a haberdashery and distributing printed notices bearing the inscription, "This shop is unfair to organized labor." The proprietors assumed they have a property right in the possible patronage of pedestrians.

BUNKOED B'GOSH

Recently we were invited to an afternoon "bunko" party at 615 Hemphill street, City, and found it to be a fact that, one would really answer present to an invitation where bunkoing was the order.

That's exactly what we did. The Ladies' Auxiliary to the Conductors gathered at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Dobbs, and a very pleasant time seemed to have been enjoyed by all present. And the game didn't work to the real injury of any of those who were so successfully bunkoed.

The Howell-Barkley Bill, which seeks to take away from the Labor Board its present autocratic powers, that it claims, will be pushed for passage during the short term of Congress, and any of you who address your Congressman and United States Senators, remind them of that bill, and respectfully urge them to support it, for it means much to railway labor of the nation.

STEEL COMPANIES' BIG WAR PROFITS

Washington, May 2. — American steel capitalists were on the top notch of wealth accumulation during the world war, according to figures on the war-time profits of the steel industry made public by the Federal Trade Commission.

The figures show that the average earnings of the steel companies were 7.5 per cent of the investment in 1915, 21.7 in 1916, 28.9 in 1917, 20.1 in 1918, with a four-year average of 20.2 per cent.

The commission adds that during 1917 and 1918 federal taxes took a large portion of these profits.

The commission states, however that the computation relative to the return on investment includes the aggregate amount of stocks, bonds and "surplus." By surplus is meant the amount accumulated from year to year after fat dividends have been paid on both preferred and common stock.

That is to say, the steel companies by means of low wages and long hours for the workers and high prices to consumers make enough profits to pay dividends and set aside large amounts of excess profits in the so-called "surplus."

Then they declare themselves entitled to an investment return on the surplus and the federal trade commission implies that it is a legitimate charge.

All of which means that the people of the United States are compelled to pay the steel companies prices high enough to include interest on bonds, and dividends on preferred and common stock, and, in addition, to provide an enormous surplus. Then they are required to pay an investment return on the surplus itself.

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PRINTERS CELEBRATE 75th ANNIVERSARY

New York, May 2.—Typographical Union No. 6 (Big Six) entertained eleven hundred guests including union printers and their families, at a dinner in celebration of its seventy-fifth anniversary.

William Green and Frank Morrison, president and secretary of the American Federation of Labor, and James M. Lynch, president of the International Typographical Union, were among the speakers. Leon H. Rouse, president of No. 6, acted as toastmaster.

President Green paid a tribute to the work of Big Six and of the International Typographical Union. The local and international unions had made life livable for the union printer, he said.

SHOE WORKERS—DERRY, N. H.

Certain shoe workers of Derry, N. H., demanded an increase of 20 per cent on piece work, which the company refused to grant. At conferences arranged by Commissioner R. A. Brown, an amicable adjustment was reached, under which there will be no increase in the piece work wage, but rather changed conditions which will add equitably to earning capacity.—U. S. Department of Labor.

Bill Taft (Injunction Bill) is at it again, and in a recent decision, a labor board case between the Pennsylvania Railroad and its federated employes, sets the pace on the toboggan for the employes. Retaining his old time form.

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THE WHEELER ACQUITTAL

The jury which acquitted Senator Wheeler in ten minutes morally if not legally indicted certain other officials and institutions. It indicted the National Committee of the Republican Party whose agents were sent to Montana specifically to get evidence against Senator Wheeler. It indicted Harry M. Daugherey, who to our shame, once occupied the high post of Attorney General.

It indicted his supporters and his successors who have not freed themselves of the taint he left behind but consented to carry on a prosecution as if it were a persecution.

Indeed, one fears that the whole Administration has stooped to using the Department of Justice as a Department of Vengeance against Wheeler. Of this fact the two indictments, one in Montana and one in Washington, are evidence. Other evidence was furnished by the "surprise" witness, Hayes, friend of Daugherty, whose word had so little weight with the jury.

Justice rests upon truth and it was an infamous thing for the government to try to spring a trap on the defense. Only the ruling of the judge got from the government letters which went far to refute its own witness. Yet the government did not scruple to use that witness without notifying the defense.

If the primary blame for such tactics must be directed against the Department of Justice the legal profession is not guiltless. It reflects upon the game of law as played in the courts that the government should dare such a trick. It confirms the impression that the layman has that too often courts are not high and holy ground where truth is sought and justice is done but arenas wherein unscrupulous players struggle for advantage under rules that encourage cleverness rather than truth.—Norman Thomas.

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RAIL OWNERS PROSPER

Washington, May 2.—The railroads of the United States paid dividends in 1923 on 62 per cent of the capital stock, the security owners receiving $287,513,229. The average rate was 7.29 per cent.

An attempt is made to explain and defend this high return by the statement that if dividends paid were spread over the 28 per cent of the stock on the roads that did not pay dividends, the average rate would be but 4.52 per cent.

In this way railroad interests undertake to create the impression that when a few railroad promoters organized into a corporation issue watered stock, the public is thereby obligated to pay them a return on a lot of securities the total cost of which to the promoters was the printer's bill.

PUBLIC NURSERY SCHOOL

Highland Park, Mich., has what is apparently the first public nursery school in the United States. The school was opened December 9 and now has an enrollment of 15 children between 2 1-2 and 4 1-2 years of age. The school also serves as a laboratory where high-school girls may receive practical training in child care.—U. S. Childrens Bureau.

CRIPPLED CHILDREN, SOUTH DAKOTA

South Dakota recently appropriated $4,000 annually to help the crippled children of the State. A survey has been made which shows that 11 counties report no needy crippled children, but that 127 such children were found in 32 other counties. Surgical treatment by orthopedic specialists is being secured for all children who need it. —U. S. Childrens Bureau.

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Richmond, Va., May 2.—The federal court of appeals has upheld the conviction of Don Chafin, coal operators' gunman, who was convicted of bootlegging by the district federal court at Huntington. He was found guilty of conspiring while sheriff of Logan county, with a saloon keeper "to violate the national prohibition act by making and carrying into effect an agreement to open and maintain a place for the sale of intoxicating liquors."

Federal Judge McClintic sentenced the gunman to two years in Atlanta and fined him $10,000.

During his career Chafin conducted a vicious warfare on the United Mine Workers of America. Aided by an army of gunmen and unlimited backing by anti-union coal operators, he inaugurated a reign of terror in that section of West Virginia that made life uncertain for organized workers. His rulership was so complete that no state official challenged his violation of every law that stood in his way to smash the miners' union. His end came, however, when he used his office as sheriff to violate the national prohibition act.

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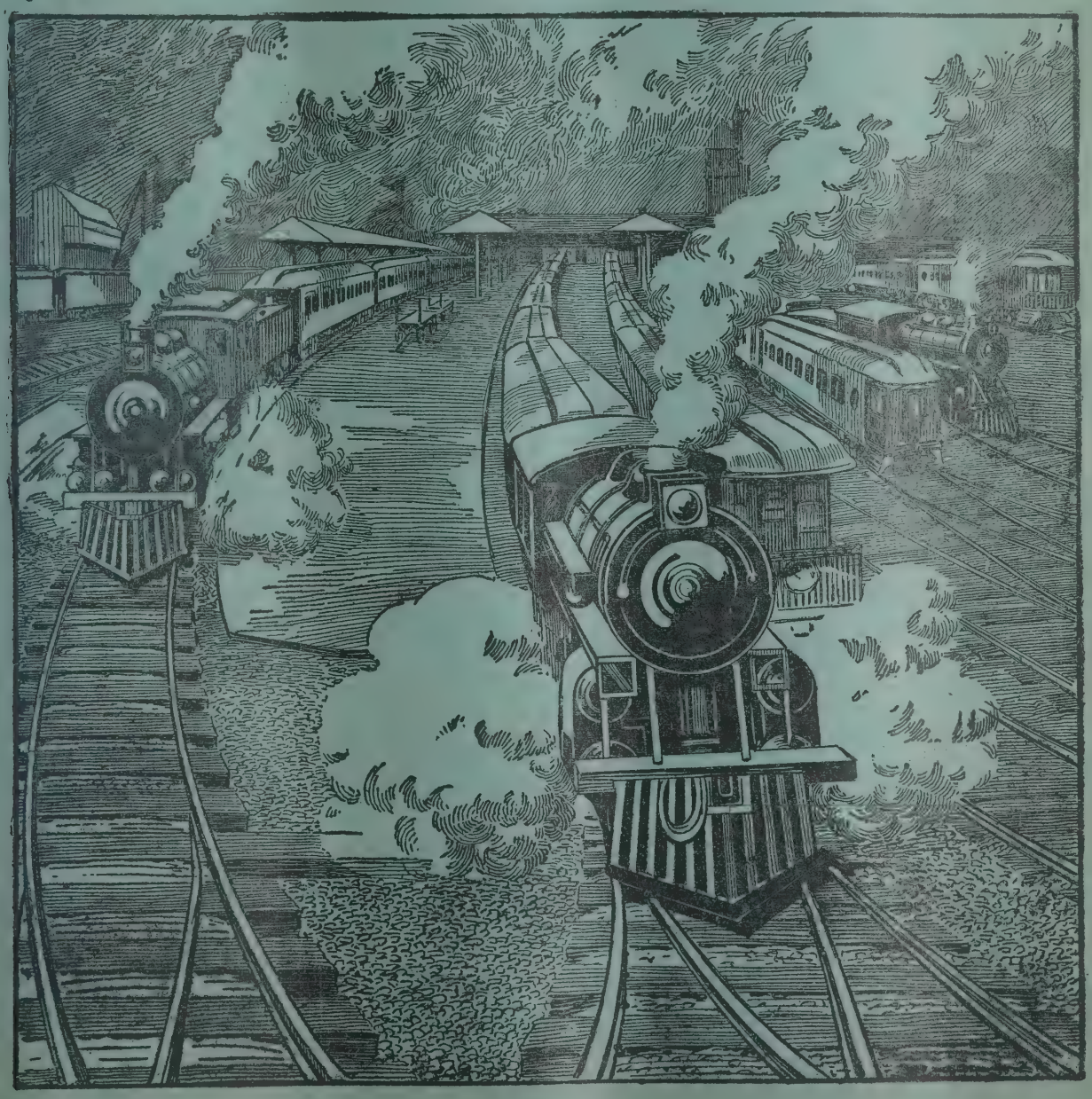

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ORGANIZED WOMEN RENEW PLEDGES FOR CHILD LABOR AMENDMENT

Continued effort for ratification of the child labor amendment was pledged by the National Congress of Parents and Teachers at their convention held April 27 to May 2 at Dallas, Texas.

Similar action was taken by the National League of Women Voters at its convention in Richmond, Virginia, April 16-22.

Similar action was taken also by the American Association of University Women at its convention held in Indianapolis, Indiana, April 6-14.

The action taken by these organizations followed discussion and convention resolutions stressing the importance of correcting the misrepresentations that have been widely circulated concerning the amendment, its purpose, and its meaning.

With these three national organizations of women, whose combined membership runs into the millions, pledging renewed support to the child labor amendment, it is predicted that a considerable change in public sentiment concerning the amendment will take place before the legislatures meet again. The women leaders insist that it is only necessary to make clear to the public the actual facts as to the conditions of child labor in the states to secure the necessary co-operation for remedying the evils.

No Legal Bar to Ultimate Ratification

Statements to the effect that adverse action of state legislatures constituted no legal bar to ultimate ratification of the amendment have been confirmed during the past week by an official investigation conducted at the request of Senator William J. Harris of Georgia, by the legislative reference srevice of Congress. In a detailed report on the subject the congressional legislative experts say:

1. That a constitutional amendment once submitted by Congress to the states for ratification is not subject to withdrawal or repeal, but remains before the states until ratified.
2. States which have ratified cannot reverse that action.
3. States which have rejected the proposal can at any time vote to ratify it.

DEATH OF J. E. McDONALD

J. E. McDonald, member of Lodge 416, Brotherhood Railroad Trainmen, died at Cleveland, Ohio, while attending the national convention of the Brothrehood early this month, as a delegate from his Lodge.

Brother McDonald was attacked suddenly with double pneumonia and died within a few days. The remains were brought to Ennis by special train for burial, several of the Trainmen from other points in Texas attending the funeral.

J. E. McDonald was an active and loyal member of the Trainmen, having enjoyed the confidence of his associates by filling many important positions in the Brotherhood, having been general chairman for several yeras, and holding that position at the time of his unfortunate death, for the brotherhood on the Hickory, and had filled that service with credit, always occupying an honest position toward his associates and the employer.

He was respected in the community in which he lived, a good citizen and neighbor, and a friend who was ever ready to lend assistance when called. The Journal joins his many friends throughout Texas in strongest sympathy to the relatives and friends in his untimely death.

ED B. WILLIS, VISITING

Captain Ed B. Willis, who our readers will remember as one of the old timers in railway service, an old Confederate soldier and who served the Conductors of Texas as legislative representative and who now enjoys the comforts of the old soldiers' home, Richmond, Virginia, after attending the re-union in Dallas last month came to the Panther City and for several days visited relatives and friends before returning to his home.

Ed Willis is the same, "yesterady, today and tomorrow," and his welcome by his legion of friends in Texas was glad to see him looking well, not a noticeable change for the last forty years, young, hearty, handsome and a handshake one can never forget, with a cheery God bless you, and he's gone, like a bee in a flower, flitting happily from one to another as far as you can see him.

The Journal wishes him many more years of the life he always lives, with health, happiness and plenty of all the good things of life.

The Federal Child Labor Amendment, submitted to the states for ratification is still pending and will be for som etime to come. Refusal to ratify by the 39th legislature is not a defeat but only a delay and the forces of organized labor in Texas are still behind its final ratification, which we look forward to with much hope within the next two years. The children of this State deserve protection at the hands of every man and woman who believe in the preservation of the physical, mental and moral uplift of humanity.

The United States Supreme Court upholds the California Alien-land law, which prevents an American to transfer title of land in that State to a Japanese. This question has aroused much sentiment throughout the nation and similar action has been taken in other states than California.

DEBATE CHILD LABOR

We find in the press reports recently that the Texas University will, for their coming school term, 1925-26, debate the question, "Resolved That The Federal Child Labor Amendment Be Adopted."

We are pleased to see the school take up this very important question for discussion and trust that the research may extend to the outer territory where information is available, both for and against the question. It is only justice that every particle of information should be had that is possible, for there is no question but must stand in the open, if it is to live permanently.

There is but one thing that usually helps to cover up real facts in a question of this character, and that is, first knowledge by sight; actually seeing the conditions surrounding child labor. The old saw, "Seeing is Believing," is the ONE direction that will have more than anything else to win a debate on the child labor question. We wonder if the students will have this opportunity to inform themselves? Or will they be compelled to accept the propaganda furnished by the best and ablest argufyers in this nation? Organized labor will be perfectly satisfied if the information is honest and practical and not altogether theoretical.

CAN'T FORCE PROSPERITY

From many and varied sources comes the news "From the Papers" that this city and that is right on the eve of a general rush of prosperity, and this is filling up many cities with many who are not able to maintain themselves but a short time, and when reaction must come. The cry and publication of prosperity don't bring it, and the means does not justify the end.

One can scarcely look the papers over daily, but to find such glaring reports of prosperity, just around the corner, and people accept these reports too readily for their own good, believing that they can do well to leave their present residence and go to any of the cities which are crying prosperity, only to find on their arrival that the same conditions of those towns they had just left.

There is but one ultimate effect by such news, and that is wage earners and small business men looking for the long promised prosperity in their own community, migrate, again and again and finally find that they are chasing a far off rainbow, too far to ever result in success to them.

We had better just simply "whistle" to keep up our courage, than to lead innocent people astray by exagerating conditions. Policy may be the best honesty for some, but the saw—"honesty is the best policy" will hold good in the long run.

THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

Department of Political Economy

May 11, 1925.

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* A circular petition to Labor *

* Editors for assistance. *

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Dear Sir:

I am a student in trade unionism under Professor Allen B. Forsberg at the University of Chicago. He has assigned me to a research project which, when completed, may be of service to labor editors.

The undertaking consists of preparing a report on Labor Journalism in America. We wish to petition your cooperation and suggestions so that rudiments will be accurate.

The enclosed questionnaire is being sent to a number of representative labor editors in an effort to obtain the elementary facts of Labor Journalism, as a basis for more thorough studies to follow.

You will notice that no confidential material is asked for. In fact, no material which you shall render us will be identified. The summary of facts, the citation of typical experiences, we feel, will be of greatest service to educators in the trade union movement.

For our analysis and for our permanent files would you also send me the last three consecutive numbers of your publication?

The enclosed stamps and addressed envelope are for your convenience.

May we have the benefit of your experiences and assistance in this work?

Very respectfully yours,
JOHN J. McDONOUGH.

Fort Worth, Texas,
May 20th, 1925.

Mr. John J. McDonough,
1416 E. 63rd Place,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

Am returning your questionnaire, with few of the questions answered. Cannot quite understand why you should desire to make a research for the benefit of "labor editors," and ask labor editors to furnish you with the full information from which to prepare your conclusions. You say:

"The undertaking consists of preparing a report on Labor Journalism in America."

Generally, the work done by colleges throughout the country has been friendly to the larger corporation employers, and there is nothing in yiur questionnaire that would benefit labor editors after having prepared it.

When the educational institutions of this country come to the point where they perform their educational work for their original purposes and leave off the questions that interest large corporations, as employers, giving none of their influence to either employer or employe, except in so far as it directly touches the best interests of the institutions educating the youth, then their will exist a much more friendly expression and sympathy by organized labor than now appears.

If the college in which you are training desires to edit a labor paper, the questions asked in your questionnaire will be of little benefit to labor editors throughout the country, for you will have merely put together the facts which they may furnish you, and returned them the information they formerly sent you.

There is no "confidential material," in the average make-up of the detail of editing a labor paper. It's just plain hard work, which brings about enough revenue for the editor to maintain a narrow stool at a cheap "tamale joint in the South and soup counter in the North." We are, "serial number 349," and,

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The questions asked by the gentleman, John J. McDonough, follow, numbered from one to twenty:

"When was your publication established? On what week day or date is your publication issued? What is your estimate of circulation during, 1922, 1923, 1924 and 1925? What proportion of subscription fees are paid, by per capita tax, name of groups, ordinary subscribers, or otherwise? About how many subscribers were dropped from your subscription list during the years mentioned above? How many subscribers were added during the same years? What method is employed in, building up, and maintaining your list? List, in order of importance, some of the principle difficulties in maintaining a subscription list? Is the editorial and news policy outlined by an executive body or personally? List any distinctive editorial features? How many full time employes are required in the printing department, and approximate salary of each? How many employes are required in the news and editorial department, and approximate salaries? How much part time and gratuitous service is depended upon? What is the news and editorial make-up cost, per year or per issue? What is the printing cost per issue? Do you use mats? List the news services and other filler aids used? What is the subscription price per annum? What is your advertising rate per column inch? What portion of the income is derived from—sale of advertising—supcriptions—other sources?

This looks a bit like a waste of space, but our readers may get something out of the ordinary, tiresome, and usual routine and for further information, the following item is carried:—(Ed.)

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ANOTHER IMPORTANT REFERENCE

Refering again to the "questionnaire" of the Chicago University in another column of this issue, we find in our files copy of the "Trade and Transportation Bulletin," published by the La Salle Extension of the University of Chicago for August, 1923, accompanied by a letter calling our special attention to the "front page article" under the title of "The People Own The Railroads," and written by Jos. H. Donnell, Traffic Counselor for the La Salle Extension of the University and the sub-head carried above the article sets forth these plain remarks:

"In this article Mr. Donnell points out the significant fact that the average American citizen is an indirect part owner of the railroads of the country and that the 10 billion dollars cannot be arbitrarily slashed from their valuation without seriously undermining the credit structure of the country."

The article was long and labored in favor of the "watered" stock of the railroads, which at that time was being seriously discussed by congress and the public, in which a strong sen-

timent was evident that at least 10 billion dollars should be cut from the railroad's valuation, because it really represented nothing of value, and the University of Chicago was laboring long hours, through its "Trade and Transportation Bulletin" to assist the railroads.

And now, this same school is piruting around looking for an opening through which it may get the source from which some of the pore old editors of labor papers get their information which renders assistance in their editorial work. Of course, this information is not secretly sent out, and could be gotten quite easily, but the direct touch with the editors is, or seems to us, to be the real purpose of the questionnaire. The railroads their contention, at least temporarily and the universities were a strong factor.

KEERFUL CAL

In Washington they tell this story of the president's reserve, as evidenced during a newspaper reception at the White House:

"Do you wish to say anything about prohibition?" was the first question put to him by a certain journalist.

"No."

"About the farm bloc?"

"No."

"About the world court?"

"No."

The newspaper man turned to go. "By the way," added Coolidge, unexpectedly calling after him, "don't quote me."

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"BABY FARMS," PENNSYLVANIA

Infant boarding homes in Pennsylvania must now be licensed by the State department of public welfare, according to provisions of a "Baby Farm" Act recently signed by the Governor.

The licenses must first be approved by the local health authorities, or in the smaller towns and villages, by the person or agency designated by the welfare department. The Act also provides for the registration of all children in boarding homes.—U. S. Department of Labor.

WAS A TONGUE TANGLER

Agent's explanation of Pullman berth rate was a bewildering one. "Let me have sleeping accommodations to Ottawa," I said to the man at the window, who didn't seem to care whether I took the trip or not. "For a single passenger?" he finally said. "No," I replied, "I'm married, but I'm not taking anybody with me on this trip. A single shelf will answer." "Upper or lower?" he asked. "What's the difference?" I inquired. "A difference of fifty cents," came the reply. "Our rates to Ottawa are $1.50 and $2.00. You understand, of course, explained the agent, "the lower is higher than the upper. The higher price is for the lower berth, if you want it lower, you will have to go higher; we sell the upper berth lower than the lower. It didn't use to be so, but we found everybody wanted the lower. In other words, the higher the lower."

"Why do they all prefer the lower?" I broke in.

"On account of its convenience," he replied. "Most persons don't like the upper, although it's lower on account of being higher, and because when you occupy an upper you have to get up to go to bed and get down when you get up. I would like to advise you to take the lower although it's higher than the upper, for reasons I have stated, that the upper is lower than the lower, because it's higher. You can have the lower if you pay higher but if you are willing to go higher it will be lower."—Sleeping Car Conductor. Surcharged, as it were.

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FARMERS' UNION BANK SOLVES CREDIT PROBLEM

Labor unions have achieved striking successes in handling their financial resources through their own cooperative banks, but in rural communities cooperative credit has found expression only through small credit unions. The Kansas Farmers' Union, however, has not confined itself within the restricted scope of credit unionism, but has launched a real bank of its own, state-wide in character, organized explicitly to provide members of the Farmers' Union with banking services to fit their own peculiar needs. Their bank, however, is solid and sound in management.

For years conventions of the Farmers' Unoin had discussed the founding of a cooperative state bank, but not until 1924 was a committee appointed to survey the success of the Engineers and Clothing Workers' banks and similar cooperative financial enterprises preparatory to modeling a banking structure for the needs of Kansas farmers. On July 1 the doors of the Farmers' Union State Bank were thrown open in Kansas City, receiving deposits of $35,000 on the opening day. Now the institution has $50,000 entrusted to its care, in addition to a capitalization of $100,000 paid-in surplus of $50,000, and a stockholders' fund in equal amount.

Not one salaried or commissioned stock solicitor or bank organizer was employed to place the bank's stock, committees of the Farmers' Union in various localities handling this feature. Heavy organization expenses were thus avoided.

Direct assistance is being extended to local farm groups where the home banker is unable to finance them because of the legal reserve restrictions, or because of an indiffedence or unfavorable sentiment toward cooperatives. This direct financial aid has regenerated the hopes of the members, enlivened the spirit of the farm organizations and established them on a sound footing of confidence and respect throughout the state.

Banking by mail is an effective feature of the Farmers' Union service, while a legal department is maintained for the benefit of the state organizations affiliated with the union.

In the words of Vice President O. K. Marley, "Agriculture has stepped into the banking business, and has done credit to both."—Railway Conductor.

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"Frederick Proudfoot, 34 years of age, the father of eight children between the ages of twelve years and six months, was instantly killed by the collapse of a scaffold during a windstorm. He was earning $9 a day at the time of his death. He carried $200 insurance, which was promptly paid to his widow, who is also entitled to $$300 or $400 benefits from his union.

"The Washington Herald featured the plight of the family and called attention to the urgent need for an accident compensation law for private employes in the District. The Washington News declared that 'the fight for a workmen's compensation law won't stop until it is enacted.' The Associated Charities through friends contributed immediately necessary financial aid.

"The widow's claim for damages has been placed in the hands of lawyers, although it is felt that there is slight chance of winning a suit under the harsh and antiquated rules of common law that still prevails in the District. Congress in all the years has neglected to enact even so much as an employer's liabbility law!

"If the Fitzgerald accident compensation bill had been passed by Congress the family would not have found itself suddenly cast upon the world without resources. They would have received $20 a week for fifteen years; then $16.50 a week for two years and $13.50 a week for one more year—or until the youngest child had reached the age of eighteen—making a total compensation of $17,316. Then, if the widow still remained unmarried, she would go on receiving $10.50 a week until her death.

"Accidents such as that which deprived the Proudfoots of their breadwinner are constantly happening right under the eyes of congressmen," the Review states. "Yet Congress continues to delay extending to the wage-earners of the District the accident protection that has long been given, as an accepted American principle, to the wage wrokers in forty-two states. How much longer will the nation allow this neglect—well termed 'a national disgrace'—to continue?"

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"BIG YANK" IS ON THE RUN

Organized labor has drawn the "first blood" in its battle with the Prison Labor Trust. The Reliance Mfg. Co., the largest prison labor contracting concern in the world, and the king-pin of the Prison Labor Trust, has been so hard hit by the campaign of publicity being waged by the American Federation of Labor that it has been forced to take its fourteen advertised brands of work clothing out of the seventeen prison factories it controls and declare at last, that in the future its products will be made in free, but non-union factories.

Less than one year ago this $7,000,000 corporation was handling the largest volume of work clothing of any one concern in the country, and seemed absolutely invincible in the strength of its millions of dollars and unlimited political influence. It plastered advertisements of the "Big Yank" shirt all over the country, brazenly admitted that it was prison made and arrogantly asked the world: "What are you going to do about it?" The Union Made Garment Manufacturers and United Garment Workers of America took up the challenge, jointly employed Kate Richards O'Hare who is one of the most vivid writers and speakers in the country and who knows more about prison labor than any one else, and opened a campaign of publicity.

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The organized labor movement was supplied with facts about prison made goods and asked to cooperate in driving them out of the markets. From coast to coast, from Canada to Mexico, every organized trade fell into line and the rank and file went direct to the merchants with their protests against prison made goods. To every one's astonishment women's clubs, religious and social service organizations gave hearty cooperation, and in a few months a "Big Yank" shirt sign was about as popular as a smallpox flag. In less than six months, before organized labor had really gotten warmed up for action, the "Reliance" had turned tail and fled. It couldn't stand the light of publicity, and its advertised brands came out of prison.

Three new companies have been formed to take over the distribution of the products of the prison factories controlled by Reliance. The East Coast Mfg. Co., will handle the Eastern section, Gordon Shirt Co., the central section and the Far West Co., the Pacific coast. The prison made goods handled by these companies will possibly be unbranded, or bear labels of unethical jobbing firms. It will be a little harder to dislodge than the widely advertised Reliance brands, but if organized labor puts one-half the pep into demanding UNION LABEL that it has in swatting the "Big Yank" the prison labor trust will soon be dead as politicians honor.—Kate Richards O'Hare.

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INTRODUCING THE JOURNAL

We enjoyed a very pleasant visit with friends in Little Rock, for a few days last month introducing The Journal and hope to have the legislative organization of Arkansas give The Journal favorable consideration, after we have successfully demonstrated its usefulness to the legislative work in that state, as well as the Southwest.

The Journal circulates in the Texas field, principally, but it is gaining throughout Arizona, New Mexico and Oklahoma, with already a scattering circulation in Arkansas and Louisiana and the trip recently to Little Rock found favor there and during the summer we shall get out a special number for the Arkansas Capital City with prospects of receiving an increased list in that state.

One thing of special interest to train men, is the fact that Arkansas has a workable full crew law, and it was retained after a hard fight was made on it at the last session of the legislature, and which establishes the fact that the law makers of Arkansas realize that there is merit in the full crew law, something we in Texas have so far failed to develop in this state.

The necessity of that law in Arkansas has been thoroughly tested and public sentiment has come to understand the fairness of the law, which the action of the legislature has proven by maintaining it on the statutes of that state.

LATTER DAY EVOLUTION

Arthur Brisbane, admittedly, a strong writer, in his "To Day" column in the Hearst's papers of the 21st of last month, while commenting on the position of United States Senator Borah to outlaw war, among other things used these words: "You can't change men by law." That might be accepted theoretically, but not literally, if we are to continue our belief in Divine law, and upon which our man made law is justified, and the obedience of which is demanded in and by the form of government we maintain.

To dispute the power of our governmental laws of the country, surely justify the denying the right to enact them, as well as result in the refusal to be guided by the Divine law, and we wonder what will be the effect upon the public mind of this position, when we consider the source from which it comes, realizing as we do, that Mr. Brisbane is read all over the nation and in foreign countries? To justify man made laws we must acknowledge their obedience, and their obedience must certainly change men, not to perfection of course, but it will change men. Susppose we had no man made laws; would it not have a tendency to the disobedience of the Divine law?

This position surely puts man above the laws of our country, and if that be true, there would be, or should not be, any punishment for the disobedience, and then WHAT? If "you can't change men by law," how are you to govern a people? Our laws are enacted for the government of man, and for no other purpose. Why make them? If it were not for the fear of punishment for the violation of our laws, what would be the condition of society?

Of course, man is not perfect, Divine law cannot accomplish that, but punishment beyond this life will, undoubtedly, follow except obedience to that law. Every person is responsible to the law, man made and Divine, no one can answer for another, in the violation of either, but obedience must result, or finally, punishment, here and yonder.

RELIGION AND COMMERCIALISM

Trinity Church in New York City, and whose devoted pastor is the Rev. Stratton, and who has proposed to make that church self sustaining by the simple and business course of tearing down the old structure and building a handsome sky scrapper, a building that would house Christians and "money changers" all under the same roof.

An injunction from a portion of the membership prevents this course, for a time at least, but it may, finally be carried out and a great building be erected for revenue, say 75 stories for business and 25 stories for worship! Can you imagine—but why argue the question, the church could be so easily controlled if made a stock company, and those who owned the greater portion would rule, but the minority could withdraw—we wonder if that would still be possible?

But this evolution. We remember when our parents worshiped in a little old log cabin, one room only. Oh well, that was back in the dark days of civilization. But that's not interesting now, lets go back to the modern church, the one that will be erected in New York City—in the future, and see how easy it would be to have enough revenue coming in to pay all the expenses of conducting the affairs of the church. "Budget," never! And the basket! Would itself disappear. What a joy to think of—but what about the future life? Do you think this would be justified by such means and the promised reward be waiting for us?

A peculiar thing about the future life is, "there's no pockets in a shroud." But never mind that, the joy here is worth the punishment yonder! Do you think so? We cannot adjust ourselves to it.

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A DELICIOUS ECHO

Not many years ago the city fathers were importuned by organized labor to give a contractor who employed union men the contract to build a certain structure, but, the contract was awarded to A. J. McKenzie, a $300,000.00 contract, and now they have a suit against the City for $13,000.00, after having already paid $45,000.00 on extras.

The present council heard the story and will turn the matter over to Mr. Carr, the lately employed city manager from Iowa. The manager will, very likely, get all cases of this character, but the council will handle the easy ones and those that won't be remembered for quite two years.

Of course, with an arbitration rule in the contract, of which there is one, the manager will be forced to submit, and finally pay the amount and very likely interest on the principal as well. Better settle it now, because interest is rather expensive, when you have to pay it. "Never put off 'till tomorrow what you should do today," so saith an old saw, or words to that effect.

THE BIG 'UNS ALWAYS GET AWAY

The "Tea Pot Dome" is snuggly tucked away in the inside pocket of Mr. Sinclair, and poor old Uncle Sam has already forgotten the affair and the molders of public opinion, the big newspapers, are following bre'r Rabbit's policy of saying nuthin' to nobody. Thats the usual result in the courts, fishing and courting bring about the same results, the big 'uns always get away and the little fellows take the punishment.

But, it is generally conceded now, even by the big 'uns, that we have a law for the big and a law for the small, and so it has become a regular thing that the one goes scot free and the other goes to prison. A lamentable fact, but it is a fact nevertheless. It would appear that our national policy is in accord with this procedure, and that therefore, it is right.

WE ARE PROUD OF HIM

Frank McManamy, Interstate Commerce Commissioner, read a paper at the annual meeting of the Safety Section of the American Railroad Association on the subject of cause and cure for railroad accidents that is a master article, and which holds officials responsible for most of the injuries by accident.

We had the pleasure of supporting Mr. McManamy for reappointment to that responsible position, as against a man from Texas, and we are proud of our position though it had little ro nothing to do with his appointment. But he has proven his ability to serve the people of this nation in that important post, and we hope for further advantages to come from his service toward reforms in bringing about assistance to the contest railway employes have been making for the past forty years or more in this direction.

It is not paying for death and injuries that employes want, its prevention, and that is the position Mr. McManamy takes in that splendid statement presented. You should read the entire article. It was printed in Labor in the issue of May 16th last.

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Employes are members of the "Company" union, and, naturally have no defense, and the usual policy will soon be the result, the wages of the employes, the operatives will be slashed, for be it well known that the officials are already poorly? paid, and their wages cannot be reduced, and there is no other expense that can be reduced—and so the great body of employes—just a slight reduction, say about 15 per cent or 20 per cent will not hurt anybody—but the operatives, and so it shall be ordered, when no other? remedy or plan of reduction can be found.

Then what? The usual thing in the "course of human events" among sensible working men and women—a reorganization of the old crafts so long thought to have been "down and out," but just biding time, and the war is again on, because of the autocratic position of the Penn. officials, but they must have hired hands, and nothing can be accomplished without them —and the American labor movement have the hands—and the union too, bless your old tired soul, General Attaboy—and so it goes, usual outcome of foolish doins by the contrary employer. "It was always thus."

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OLD AGE PENSION LEGISLATION GAINS IN 1925

New York, May.—Adoption of three new old age pension laws, in California, Wisconsin and Nevada, thus far in 1925 and the creation of official commissions in four additional states to study the problem of old age with a view to legislation, show substantial gains in the movement to replace the poorhouse system with home care of aged dependents, according to a report published today by the American Association for Labor Legislation.

"The impetus given in the present year in the United States to statewide old age pensions," says the Association, "is significant in view of the comprehensive program for extending old age pensions just submitted to Parliment by the government in England with the approval of labor. It shows that England, following several years of experience with old age pensions, fully accepts this plan of meeting a social responsibility and that there is a rapidly growing sentiment in the United States to provide similarly enlightened protection for those worthy, but penniless workers who have spent a lifetime in the stress of modern industrialism.

"Recent progress in old age pension legislation in America," the Association continues, "is due, too, as in England, largely to concerted action on the part of groups representing various points of view. Three years ago, following a number of conferences, a standard old age pension bill as an aid to state legislation was agreed upon by representatives of labor, the Fraternal Order of Eagles and the Association for Labor Legislation. The bill conforms to principles endorsed by official state investigating commissions."

The report states that during the past two years pioneer old age pension laws have been enacted in five states and in Alaska. "The Pennsylvania law of 1923 was held invalid because of a unique provision of the constitution but the present legislature has created a new commission to make further study and passed a bill proposing an amendment to remove the obstructing provision from the state constitution. The Nevada law of 1923 was repealed but has just been replaced by a new law. The Montana law of 1923 and the Alaska act are also in effect. The California and Wisconsin acts are the newest additions."

In addition to Pennsylvania, says the report, the states of Massachusetts, Colorado and Minnesota have created legislative investigating commissions to study old age pension legislation. An official commission created in 1923 in Indiana has this year submitted a report strongly urging the passage of an old age pension bill.

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JUDGES ARE ONE-SIDED IN LABOR DISPUTES

Springfield, Mass., May 23.—"Try as I may, I can not get the view point of certain judges who seem to think that the employer has all the rights in a dispute with his employes and that personal rights of employes must be restrained," said John A. Gatelee, president of the local central labor union.

"The attitude of our courts in these matters seem to be somewhat like tying down a safety valve on a superheated boiler.

"What greater rights has the employer to force arbitrary adjustments upon his employes than they have to resist them? Has he any greater stake in industry than has the worker? To the workers, employment means food, fuel, shelter—even life itself. When the employer strikes at conditions of his employes he justly subjects himself to the return blow, which takes the form of strike, picketing and boycott."

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The trade union has all the warmth and glow of life. It develops and expands with the growth, increasing intelligence and zeal of its members.

Workers should arouse themselves to its possibilities. They should be imbued with the missionary spirit and carry the message to those unorganized.

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The label makes it possible for trade unionists to be practical in their fraternity and to withhold union wages from those who would destroy them.

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Trade unions, regardless of their size, should put every energy and resource into this organizing and educational campaign.

Its success depends on the activity of each individual. It will succeed just in proportion as the worker makes an especial effort to talk and live trade unionism.—Weekly Letter A. F. L.

PREVENTION OF ACCIDENTS, NEW YORK

Serious injuries to nearly 2,000 children in New York factories in one year, reported by the State department of labor, have resulted in the inauguration of a campaign for the prevention of accidents to children in industry by the American Museum of Safety, and the State departments of labor and education.—U. S. Department of Labor.

MATERNITY AND INFANCY ACT, RHODE ISLAND

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PENNSYLVANIA LABOR PLANS FOR ITS CHILDREN

Charging that anti-labor interests are trying to influence the minds of workers' children and develop in them an anti-labor, anti-social attitude by establishing Junior Chambers of Commerce and similar organizations, and declaring that they want their children to grow up with an understanding of social forces and a spirit of readiness to be of service in the movement for social advancement, the convention of the Pennsylvania State Federation of Labor, held last week at Harrisburg, with 200 delegates, representing 400,000 trade union members, endorsed Pioneer Youth of America, stating that this new labor youth organization is conducting its children's clubs and summer camps in a manner that is educationally sound and in line with the social aims of the labor movement.

The children of the workers, the Federation's resolution stated, have few opportunities for recreation under wholesome auspices, and are growing up without any real knoweldge of the problems of life, especially as they affect the workers. The Federation recommended that all of its affiliated bodies cooperate with and support the Pioneer Youth movement and that they establish branches in their sections and form Pioneer Youth clubs and summer camps for the workers' children in their communities.

President James H. Maurer said in part, in introducing Joshua Lieberman, executive secretary of Pioneer Youth, who addressed the convention by invitation:

"I have been actively interested in Pioneer Youth since its inception and am a member of its national executive committee. This organization is of tremendous significance and great promise to organized labor. We should all get back of Pioneer Youth."

The Pioneer Youth movement was also endorsed by the convention of the Pennsylvania Labor Party on the same day, and some of the delegates to both conventions met in conference to consider the possibilities of establishing clubs and camps immediately. The miners in District 5 and Sub-District 6 and of Six-Mile Run in District 2, and delegates from Pittsburgh, Philadelphia, Wilkes-Barre, Scranton, Cannonsville and Warren County were anxious that the work get under way in their communities very soon. The delegates were most enthusiastic about the prospects for the work, and declared their determination to beat the record of New York State, in which Pioneer Youth started a year ago, and which now has 21 children's recreational and educational clubs and a camp at Pawling, where more than 200 children enjoy a healthy, happy outing during the summer.

The members of the Pennsylvania Pioneer Youth Committee are: James H. Maurer, President of the Pennsylvania State Federation of Labor; Dr. R. W. Hogue, Educational Director of the Federation; Charles Kutz, of District 40, International Association of Machinists; A. J. Burger, President Railway System Federation 90; Clinton Golden, I. A. of M.; James L. Kelly, Secretary Pennsylvania State Federation of Labor; E. J. Lever, of the Philadelphia Labor College; George Creech, United Textile Workers of America and Paul Fuller, Educational Director District 2, United Mine Workers of America.—Pioneer Youth.

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THE SIDE-WALK FARMER

The Bankers Convention, in Houston recently, were told how serious is the farmer's problems, and the speaker insisted that the farmers are in the big business class, and of course, meaning that the farmer should stand shoulder to shoulder with present day big business, and then they could receive "help" from their associates, the town farmers.

One newspaper intimated that the speaker gave the farmers good advice and which is admitted by the farmer, though he is prone to accept and follow! And that is where the mystery, to big business rests, and the reason is, to the farmer quite plain, because this position has long since been accepted by some of the farmers, and every time its acceptance has meant, not only heavy loss, but ridicule, for the farmer, the real dirt farmer.

When the real agriculturists wakes up to the fact that he, and not the town farmer must guide his affairs to a successful ending, regardless of whether he diversifies or not, he'll be able to know to whom the profits of his toil belongs, and will then take care of himself instead of accepting the advice of the town farmer who "farms the real honest-to-goodness dirt farmer. Then the only thing for the real dirt farmer to do, and live off the products of his toil is to help himself first, by an organization that will deal direct for the good of his class, and diversify or not, the cooperation by and between his natural associates is a strong organization, like the town farmer maintains, he'll be successful, and easily take care of himself through his organized cooperation. These scientific theories are all right to sit down and listen to, but when they are being put into practice, become, in many instances, another problem, that even the town farmer could not work out if he had the opportunity.

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We may be wrong about our conclusions but it looks to us like another fight (war) is being matched by the commercial interests, and which will require the working people to do the fighting. They may repeat again, but we are quite doubtful about it. The fellow who matches a fight ought to be required to take care of the entire program—but that hasn't been the rule, though the rule could be changed —by a majority vote.

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JUSTICE

On what looks to a layman like a technicality involving no essential point of justice, the criminal indictments against Fall, Sinclair and Doheny have been dismissed. Should this action of the lower court be finally sustained, the government under the statute of limitations cannot get a new indictment for bribery though it may for conspiracy. Fall, Sinclair and Doheny may escape trial altogether on the most important charge as the result of technical incompetence on the part of the governmen's expensive special counsel.

But Senator Wheeler who did so much to expose corruption in the oil leases must stand trial twice for practically the same alleged offense, once in Montana and once in Washington, and transport his witnesses to both places. Senator Wheeler is relatively a poor man. Unless his friends rally to him he cannot afford an adequate defense. Even if he is victorious he may be ruined financially.

Forbes was convicted of about the dirtiest graft in recent history at the expense of the wounded veterans as well as of American taxpayers. He was sentenced to two years in prison and is out on bail pending an appeal.

But two inconspicuous soldiers in Hawaii have just been sentenced to twenty-six and forty years respectively. So far as we can make out the "crime" which cost them from thirteen to twenty times as many years in prison as were given to Forbes was some rather vehement criticism of the government and some correspondence with the Third International of the Communist party.

To complete the picture Rogers Baldwin has been sentenced to six months in the vile county jail at Paterson, N. J., for standing up for the right of fre speech. These episodes show, brothers and sisters, how true is the statement of the politician running for office that there is one law and one justice in America for rich and poor, privileged and unprivileged. —Carmen's Journal.

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Labor banking has gone through the severe test of big business pressure in Washington, D. C., and emerges true to its trust. The banks of the capital city are declared to have entered a conspiracy to boycott building contractors who employ union men by denying them credit facilities. The Central Labor Union in letters to each bank in Washington demanded a frank answer to these charges. Only evasion met this request, with the exception of the Mt. Vernon Savings Bank, owned by the International Association of Machinists and the Commercial National Bank, in which the machinists have a large interest.

President William H. Johnston of the Mt. Vernon bank assured the Central Labor Union that neither bank is in any way involved in the plot against the building trades, nor will they have any part in it.—Railway Conductor.

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SENATOR SHOWS WHY REACTION HATES SENATE

Madison, Wis., May 30.—"The people should bear in mind that lawmaking bodies have been a source of great annoyance to the despot, who has never hesitated to use every possible means for their removal and destruction," says United States Senator Shipstead, writing in La Follette's Magazine, current issue.

"It is very annoying to the despotism of oil to have congress make a fuss about illegal transfers of public lands," said Senator Shipstead.

"It is very annoying to the despotism of finance to have congress investigate or denounce its crime of juggling with money and credit control, and so affect the price level of commodities in which the insiders of finance have a speculative interest. Therefore, congress must be attacked from various sources. Congress must be discredited before the country. The attack against the American congress seems to be of the same character as the attack launched against parlaments all over the world.

"Industrial kings throughout the world are fighting representative government as an obstacle to their steam roller methods. Formerly it was militarism that fought governments by the people. Frequently militarism and the industrial king are harnessed to the same chariot. Their interests are one, and their ultimate purpose is one—to rule in their own might without the delay incident to the consent of the governed.

"Deliberate bodies, elected by the people, are 'taboo' in the camps of politico-commercial generals. Public debate, legislative investigation, popular sentiment, are nuisances to be abated. Thus we find a nation-wide propaganda directed against congress.

"It is directed less against the lower house than against the senate for the reason that in the house there is freedom of debate no longer. Therefore, the house has lost its former predominant influence in congress and its former position as a great American forum of debate.

"The representative who comes to Washington with the thought that he is the free and chosen spokesman for 250,000 voting taxpayers finds himself struggling under a sad delusion. That day is long past. He can not speak except by permission. He must first get the consent of the rules committee representing the ruling dynasty, and then possibly he may be assigned a few minutes on the floor, unless the committee decides that the time should be controlled by another.

"Freedom of debate has been abolished in the house, the American forum, where once government of the people found full voice in the eloquence and logic of Madison and Clay, of Webster, Blaine nad Hoar.

"Today the industrial leaders who have appropriated the name of 'Liberty Loving Minute Men' propose the death of free debate in the senate.

"If a Patrick Henry or a Samuel Adams were to assail, on the floor of congress today, the aggressions of those wielding the economic power of the nation, he would be denounced as a dangerous radical and doubtless trailed by secret service men, or perhaps even a corps of assistant attorneys-general.

"Will this propaganda against the legislative branch of government in America be successful, as it has been against the parliments of Europe? Time will tell. We will see what we will see."

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1924 PROGRESSIVE CAMPAIGN

The campaign of the Progressives for their platform is already beginning to show signs of results. In West Virginia recently a Federal Judge refused to issue an injunction against the coal miners for peaceful persuation by members of the miner's organization seeking miners to join is not against the law, according to Federal Judge W. E. Baker. Judge Baker further made the statement in open court that he would grant no further injunction on these cases until he has heard arguments on the merits of such requests.

It is said that this is the most important ruling of any court in West Virginia and means much to organized labor, and especially to the organized miners in that state. The ruling means that before any more temporary injunctions are again issued in that state the defendant shall have to answer to such complaint, and that the plaintiffs will be required to file a bill of particulars, and that the defendants shall have the right to inspect and make answer in court. This has long been the position of organized labor in all injunction cases, and this was clearly set forth in the platform of the national progressive candidates last year, headed by LaFollett and Wheeler. Some progress being made, don't you think?

Just prior to Judge Baker's decision, Judge R. C. Baltzell issued an edict at Indianapolis, relative to a similar case in Knox county, Indiania, that the miners shall have an opportunity to be heard before any injunction should be issued. The direction of the judicial wind is beginning to show which way the wind blows.

This fight by the organized coal miners has been long and desperate, but they are gradually winning their contentions. Looks like the coal operators are losing their grip on the governmental authorities and that the gun man in the mining districts is to be a thing of history. "Blessed be the tie that binds" organized labor to correct principles.

JOINT MEMORIAL SERVICES

The Brotherhood Locomotive Engineers and the Brotherhood Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen, will hold Joint Annual Memorial Services at the First M. E. Church, St. Louis and Broadway, Sunday evening at 8 p. m., June the 14th, being the second Sunday in June. Each organization will have a spokesman and a regular program, in addition to the regular church services will be carried out, and every member of the two Brotherhoods are urged to be present , and to any visiting friends who may be in the City is extended a cordial invitation and assurance of an enjoyable evening.

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Judge Ben Lindsey spoke in El Paso. In his lecture at Liberty Hall he touched on several topics of interest to labor.

He told of the law he had been successful in having placed upon the statutes of the State of Colorado, which provides for every child whose mother was unable to care for it. He explained that this law did not require that the child be sent to an institution to be taken care of, but made it possible for the mother to raise the child herself.

Poor pay and long hours were pointed out by Judge Lindsey as a major cause for the greater part of child delinquency. He told of the case of an unruly boy whose father was dying from lead poisoning. after working long hours at poor pay for his employers.

Judge Lindsey realted an instance of how a policeman once led him to the fourth ward, the domain of a bunch of little imps. The policeman had something he wanted to show. The Judge was led to a place near the railroad tracks. There the policeman pointed out a structure which he said was an elevated railroad.

"Look at that," said the policeman; "those kids stole every bit of that thing." It developed that the soap box for the car had been stolen from a grocery store, the wheels from the shops, and the lumber from a nearby construction job.

"But," continued Judge Lindsey, "that wasn't the first railroad that had been stolen. When I first started practice all my time was not devoted to the juvenile court. During that time I had to punish some big bad boys for stealing a franchise on a much larger railroad. I sent them to jail for several years."

Colorado has in force 52 of Judge Lindsey's laws. Many of these laws have been copied in other states. He has appeared before every state legislature of the United States on different occasions.—Labor Advocate.

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ACCIDENT PREVENTION IS GOOD BUSINESS PLAN

Toronto, Ontario, May 23.—Even were the human element ignored, accident prevention is a paying proposition from a money standpoint, declared Tom Moore, president of the Canadian Trades and Labor Congress, at the annual convention of the industrial accident and prevention associations.

The trade unionist pointed out that during the world war human suffering was brought home to the people, but though the war is over, human suffering continues. Much of this can be prevented.

In the last four years, he said, there have been approximately 250,000 accidents in the province of Ontario alone. Throughout the entire Dominion the total accidents in four years are almost as serious as the world war casualties, Mr. Moore estimated. He called attention to studies of accident prevention, which show that a large percentage of accidents occur after the eight, ninth and tenth hour of labor, at a time when the worker's physical reserve is taxed and when he is less alert.

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Conductor McDole, was in, and who was running through freight, was called to go on our local run, and to first make up the train with his crew, and he said, call us when the train is ready.

The trainmaster, whose headquarters were in Evansville, Ind., arrived that afternoon and called on McDole and myself, and when we refused again, we were given passes to our homes. The switchmen settled in some manner, got what they wanted, or at least a good compromise, (for they were the real power back in those days), others were called and ran the local and McDole's train out.

McDole and I reported for work after resting a day or two, giving the Trainmaster an opportunity to get over his spell of anxiety, over the trouble, and we received messages to take out our runs when they arrived, and the incident was closed—without any questions from us or the officials.

It will be remembered that at that time the conductor's organization was a mere "mutual admiration" society to the officials, though not bound to answer their call, but could do so, without being ostracised by their own members, but open to criticism before the membership of the others.

The B. of R. B. had just been organized the year before, and at that time was not organized in that part of the country. In this case, as in all others to follow, the other train and enginemen stood behind us in similar positions taken in similar cases, and which argued strongly for loyalty to each other when a crisis came.

And this was the full reason for the success of the brotherhoods in the years which have brought a unity of action until today, with perfect autonomy for the individual organization, a full realization of the principle of close cooperation in the protective work, and in later years, the legislative work as well, until today these four brotherhoods are marching as nearly as one man, as is advisable, with proper respect for each other.

We became a member of the Order Railway Conductors in June 1884, just prior to this test, and in 1885, November, we came to Texas; in which our experiences and activities will be recited in future numbers of The Journal, and in no case will names be used, except where they may be used without possible injustice being done.

While dates will probably not always be reliably reported, they will not be especially necessary to carry the facts and details of any of the incidents of the past which may be recited herein. To the work, however, engaged in by these brotherhoods, they will, undoubtedly, point a moral.

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CHURCH MEN PUNCTURE STOCK-PLAN BALLOON

Washington, May 23.—The department of social action of the National Catholic welfare council refuses to accept the theory that diffusion of stock ownership, as now practiced by large corporations, means a lessening of the power of capitalists, and that it will install industrial democracy.

Various economists, and publicists claim that employes' stock ownership and other forms of popular ownership of stock marks the downfall of plutocracy and is the foundation for co-operatives and guilds.

"The facts, however, justify no such optimism," says the department of social action's weekly bulletin. "Though the savings, insurance policies and investments of the masses of city people are greater, the rich, also, have more wealth.

"What is of more importance, much of their increased wealth is in money and not property.

"Even when the people have invested their money in stocks of corporations, it has brought them no control. They have invested largely in the stock of railroads, street car, gas, electric light and telephone companies, as a result of campaigns among employes and consumers. In consequence these public utilities are controlled by the same men as before, and they do not need to own as much stock to give them control. In addition, new friends are enlisted against rate cuts, wage demands and government ownership proposals.

"The small stock owners are mere absentee investors, powerless now as owners to control in the slightest the direction of their property."

Next year is another year for the election of State officers, including law makers and remember that the ratification of the Federal Child Labor Amendment will be a live issue in that campaign.

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FAVOR FREE TEXT BOOKS

Jackson, Tenn., May 21.—The State Federation of Labor convention asked organized labor and sympathizers to start a state-wide agitation for free text books. This system is operative in the larger cities in Tennessee.

The resolution declared that "experience has proven that free text books are both economical and practical."

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The payment of expenses of those who answered the call of the city council, may be legitimate, but business is business and we wonder if one of the council would ok a bill of that character, when considering employment of men in his private business? But—they appeared to have promised.

The National Convention of the Brotherhood Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen is in session in Cleveland, Ohio, having convened early this month and will continue daily session for, perhaps, four or five weeks. H. B. Snedeker, is representing Lodge No. 83, Fort Worth, Texas. This organization is one of the strongest of the Train and Engine Brotherhoods, and much business of importance must be taken care and which, necessarily, will consume much time.

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FREE TEXT BOOKS

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The original text book law provided for 15 per cent of the 35 cents advalorem State tax, and after a few years administration it was found that this amount was really excessive, and it was reduced to 7 per cent, and which equals about 80c per capita to the scholastics of the State per annum for the year, and which is, when you come to figure out the former cost to the student by the parents, is so much less that it makes the present law very attractive, and covers up the argument of the opponents of the free text book law in this State.

Prior to the enactment of this law the book cost to the average father, or parent had become a real burden, and which forced many children of the poorer class out of the schools, and only the recognized policy of giving equal opportunity to the child through the compulsory attendance law, brought the compromise for the free text book law, and both of which is, undoubtedly, bringing these laws more and more in favor.

URGES UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

William A. Fricke, former commissioner of insurance of Wesconsin and a leading authority on insurance, recently issued a statement endorsing the principle of unemployment insurance.

"The solution of the unemployment problem," he said, "is an important question not only to the wage-earner, but to all interests. Unless solved right, this country may look forward to disturbing economic conditions in the future. Wise statesmanship must include within the rights guaranteed under this government to its citizens, in the interpretation of 'life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness,' not only the obligation to work, but the duty of furnishing the opportunity for continuous employment during reasonable daily hours under safe and sanitary conditions."American Labor Legislation Review.

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The Federal Trade Commission has, finally, been transformed into a commission for the trusts and against the people. Like other administrations commissions, it has become a dollar-and-cents commission. There is but one class in this nation after all and that's the "rooling" class, and who compose about 2 per cent of our population. Easy enough when you know how—and have the lucre.

PRIVATE PENSION SCHEMES UNCERTAIN

Private schemes for old age pensions in industry are few. They are tragically uncertain. Witness what happened to trusting employes of the big meat packers, Morris and Company.

This company, which had inaugurated a pension plan for its workers, sold out to Armour and Company. In the sale no arrangement was made for continuing the pension. The employes affected went to court. They set forth that they had been working at a lower rate of pay for the concern than that paid in other similar establishments in order to protect their interests in the pension and that, therefore, they were entitled to their interest in the pension just as they would be had they insured in a regularly operating insurance company into which they paid premiums.

The court, however, in a recent decision, holds that they had no such right and that the purchaser could not be held for the acts or agreements of the selling firm unless such consideration be involved in the contract of sale and specifically provided for in the sale agreement. Thus a number of old men who had stood by their employer for years in the hope of ultimately enjoying a small pension in their old age were cruelly thrown on their own resources. Meanwhile, progress is being made in old age pension legislation.—American Labor Legislation Review.

"MY COUNTRY, 'TIS OF THEE"

Big Bill Haywood would rather come to America and face prison, than stay in the Communistic Russia of his muddled dreams. Emma Goldman, sick at heart over the failure of the Soviet oligarchy to give or ever dream a people's government, fled to England and now wants to come "home" to the land she said she despised. Theodore Petroff, a vulgar swindler caught in Wisconsin pleads for life imprisonment in this country rather than deportation and freedom in Russia.

Only the blind man will say that everything is "all right" in Our Country. There are many things that need fixing; things that need the golden rule and the rule of common sense and the teachings of experience. But it is still the best country. It can be made still better when more realize this in the same sense that any sovereign realizes the responsibility for the charge committed to his care.

More active participation in every public move, an intelligent vote in every primary, a realization that every broken law is a personal assault on the national life, would greatly improve social and political conditions in Our Country.—Carmen's Journal.

There seems to be a general attack upon all reform legislation which is favored by the women of the Nation. Not only the Federal Child Labor Amendment, but other legislation the women are advocating is going to the trash pile at the hands of reactionaries. But, they'll be sorry—the reactionaries!

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INTERESTING READING

In another column we are carrying a letter from a student of the University of Chicago, and our reply, together with questions asked by that student, following this information a short paragraph under date line from Chicago, which gives the information that the president of the Illinois Central railroad will make the "Commencement Address" to that college, and we wonder if you had ever read in the "noos" papers about the executive of any of our labor organizations having had a similar honor?

The college will hear the economics of how to make money from Mr. Markham, and from labor's executive, might learn real economies of human life, which would fit him for the progress of a world-wide brotherhood of man, as compared with the lesson of force of humanity for revenue, "ONLY."

But that's what we MUST be taught now-a-days, and of course, only those who are graduates of the system are capable of teaching it. How to get the money, is important, and especially in our education. "As the twig is bent the tree becomes inclined," or words to that effect.

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ENGINEERS PREDICT ELECTRIFIED ROADS

New York, May 23.—The electrification of railroads with interchangeable equipment was advocated at a meeting of the American institute of electrical engineers in this city. It was stated that the saving in coal alone would amount to $120,000,000 annually.

"The steam locomotive will undoubtedly continue for many years in the service and further improvements may be expected, but there still remains the limitation of power imposed by restrictions in size of the locomotive boiler and fire box and the inherently lower fuel economy in comparison with the modern steam electric power station," one speaker said.

"The electric locomotive is not restricted in its capacity. The central station from which it derives its power is stationary and may have a capacity many times in excess of any number of locomotives that may be on the line at the same time.

"Records kept over a long period of time clearly show that the cost of maintenance of steam engines is three times that of electric locomotives hauling the same tonnage over the same division and under the same operating conditions."

President L. E. Sheppard was reelected president at Minneapolis at the national convention of the Order of Railway Conductors. The honest and the faithful are due honor always and that great body of membership representatives did what in their judgment was the correct thing, and we tie on our bonnet and climb on the wagon and follow the line of justice and right, as good soldiers should and will always do. The convention results as a whole are not yet before us, and when they are we shall call attention to them.

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The Order of Railway Conductors, in national convention in Minnesota, have renewed their subscription for LABOR, and which is the correct thing for Labor has stood nobly by the principles advocated by organized labor.

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I have fed the world. I have provided food for all the people.

I have tamed wild beasts and made them the servants of man.

I have woven fibres into cloth and fashioned garments. I have clothed the people.

I have hewn down mountains and transformed the rock into human habitations.

I have felled the giants of the forest and made them furnish comfort and protection to man.

I have gone down into the bowels of the earth and forced her to give up her treasure.

I have wrought in the glare of the furnace, undaunted by the hissing of steam and the clanging of steel.

I have enriched the nations. I have produced the wealth of the world.

But my eyes have been blinded and my hands have been shackled.

I did not see that the wealth I created was mine; nor that the good things of life belonged to me.

But the scales are falling from my eyes; I am beginning to see.

I will arise in my strength, I will break my chains.

I will take what belongs to me. I will lay hold of my own.

I will bring comfort and abundance to all. I will bring peace and joy to the multitude.

All mankind will be blessed. All the inhabitants of the earth made glad.

For I am greater than greed, I am mightier than Mammon.

I AM LABOR.

—ADA M. STIMSON.

NO JAPANESE CITIZENS ALLOWED IN AMERICA

Washington, May 30.—Japanese and other Asiatics are not entitled to citizenship, even though they have served in the armed forces of the country, the United States supreme court rules.

The court held that although congress used the words "any alien" in some of the legislative modifications regarding the right to citizenship, there is nothing to show an intent to eliminate from the definition of eligibility the distinction based on color or race, nor anything to indicate that the eligible classes were extended to include persons of the Japanese race. Chief Justice Taft dissented from this opinion.

The case came from a Massachusetts federal court and related to a Japanese born in Japan, and who served 10 years in the United States coast guard service. The Japanese received several honorable discharges, some of them for service during the war. He was granted citizenship papers, but these were afterwards annulled. The latter action is now sustained by the supreme court.

What is "state's rights," compared with child life? Humanity first with this Journal, state's rights afterward.

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A FARMERS' STRIKE

James D. Graham writing in the New Leader, (New York,) tells a story of a strike a lot of us knew nothing about. The union in question wanted a closed shop, it fought strike breakers, was itself enjoined by the courts and finally concluded a compromise agreement with the basises, which, however, included the check off or deduction of union dues from pay checks.

A typical labor case, you'll say.

Just so, but the interesting thing is that these workers are farmers, members of the Beet Growers' Marketing Association and they were dealing with the Great Western Sugar Refining Company to whose refineries they have to send their beets.

One feature of the settlement was the abolition of the fire and strike clause in the contract under which in case of fire or strike the company might refuse to buy the beets originally arranged for in the contract. It was alleged that when the company wanted to take fewer beets it would provoke a strike among the refinery employes by reducing wages or some other means and then blame the strikers for the loss to the farmers.

The farmers appear to have discovered the trick. It looks as if the worker on a farm wasn't necessarily so different from the worker in the factory that they have nothing in common. Anyhow, according to Mr. Graham, they strike pretty much alike.—Norman Thomas.

FARMER AND SOCIALISM

There is one class of Americans who have shown distrust for socialism in any form, it is the farmers of Our Country.

The Progressive Third Party in the presidential campaign of 1924 put up a very attractive socialistic political platform.

No political organization even with the endorsement of active farm bloc groups of politicians, was ever so completely repudiated, on account of serving the red flag as was 1924 progressivism, so-called.

It was fitting and proper that Chief Justice Taft recently called down a western college debating team for taking up for discussion one of the most socialistic planks of the Red program.

It was the proposition that Congress by a two-thirds vote, could over rule any decision of the United States Supreme Court, plainly dangerous to our constitutional government.

Agricultural Colleges and State Universities that bid for popularity with socialistic and communistic elements are dangerous foes of human rights and independent, property owning American farmer.

Chief Justice Taft showed his common sense in rebuking such tendencies.—Dahlgren, (Ill.,) Echo.

The editor of the Echo defends injunction Bill, while injunction Bill defends big business while it controls the colleges, and thereby the poor fish stamps his'self as one of the "foolishwise." How easy it is to say "socialism, communism," especially when a fellow takes into the mouth from a spoon in the hand of the other fellow.

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BANKRUPT RAILROAD TO BE INVESTIGATED

Washington, May 23.—The interstate commerce commission has ordered an investigation of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railroad, which recently went into receivership when officers declared their inability to refund or otherwise meet a $48,000,000 bond issue that matures in June. The company owes the government $68,000,000 which was loaned to it during and after the war.

The road extends from Chicago to the Pacific coast. More than 700 miles of its lines through Montana and Washington are electrified.

HISTORIANS AND EDUCATORS IGNORE HISTORY OF LABOR

Historians and directors of American educational institutions have a well defined policy to keep a knowledge of the history of labor from students, according to Edward O. Sisson, professor of philosophy in Reed College, Portland, Oregon.

In his new book, "Educating for Freedom," Professor Sisson devotes a chapter to the "Educative Use of History," and criticizes in emphatic language the extent to which the "history of labor or the laboring class" is ignored by history writers and teachers. His indictment reads:

"Most of the history was submerged even while it occurred, and little rocord has ever been made of it until our day.

"It is only three or at most four generations since laboring men were indicted in both England and the United States for daring to unite for the purpose of raising their wages and improving their conditions of life.

"But these feeble beginnings of labor organizations certainly proved to be one of the most potent seeds of history now to be reckoned with by everyone who desires to understand his times.

"Yet even now our school instruction practically ignores the whole movement, the most trivial and inconsequential topics get more space and consideration.

"In the education of an American citizen in the twentieth century, the history of labor is far more worthy of a quarter of a semester of study than the history of any foreign country, not excepting even Greece or England.

"One of the grave defects of history as it is written and studied today is its prevailing silence and neglect toward this great and growing interest."

FLORIDA WHIPPING BOSS IS CHARGED WITH MURDER

Cross City, Fla.—First degree murder charges have been filed by a Dixie county grand jury against Thomas W. Higginbotham and several others for the death of Lewis Barker, negro, October 19, 1924.

The indictment alleges that the accused first beat, bruised and otherwise mistreated Barker and then shot him to death.

Higginbotham was the whipping boss at the Putnam lumber company convict camp, when Martin Tabert of North Dakota was arrested for a minor offense and sentenced to this camp. He died from beatings and Higginbotham was convicted of second degree murder. He has been at liberty under bonds awaiting a second trial.

DEFENDS OLD AGE PENSION LAWS

Pointing out that old age pension laws "represent a struggle to protect wage earners against dependence in their old age," the American Federation of Labor at its 1924 convention in El Paso declared that "no effort should be spared to defend these old age pension laws against attacks."—American Labor Legislation Review.

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"Any insanity in the family?" asked the insurance doctor to Mrs. Suffragist.

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"This check is doubtless all right," said the manager politely, "but have you anything about you by which you could be identified?"

The pretty, young thing faltered: "I have a mole on my left knee."

Like the Railroad Labor Board, the Shipping Board and the trade commission are in the hands of big 'uns, and their destruction too now is imminent, or will be, undoubtedly, when Congress convenes next December. These commissions, all, were created with the intended purpose of checking greed, but greed found a way—through the appointive power—to "get" these commissions—and, they got 'em. The destruction of them now appears to be the only accepted remedy—and then make another try at reforms. Hard sleddin' aint it?

CAN'T PASS SUBSIDY BILL

Washington, May 30.—Declaring himself pessimistic over the outlook for a ship subsidy, Admiral Palmer, president of the United States emergency fleet corporation, hinted that the federal government may have to accept the principle of government operation of vessels.

The navy officer made this statement in a speech to the United States chamber of commerce. He said he has grave doubts that the people will accept the subsidy theory.

WOULD EXEMPT TAX PAYERS

Washington, May 30.—Senator Couzens would remove from the income tax list more than 6,000,000 persons who pay on incomes less than $5,000. The senator finds that these persons pay less than 10 per cent of the income tax revenue, and that the government goes to a great deal of trouble to collect this amount.

PRESIDENT RE-ELECTED

Kansas City, Mo., May 23.—Grand President FitzGerald of the Brotherhood of Railway and Steamship Clerks was re-elected by the fourth triennial convention in this city.

George S. Levi was re-elected grand secretary-treasurer, as were James J. Forrester, national legislative counsel and Phil E. Ziegler, editor of the Railway Clerk. The convention was attended by 1,700 delegates.

"INJUNCTION BEN" THROWN IN DISCARD

Washington, May 23.—The appointment by President Coolidge of E. J. Henning, first assistant secretary of labor, the successor of Federal District Judge Bledsoe of Los Angeles, marks the end of a notorious labor injunction judge.

Bledsoe is known as "Injunction Ben." He curried favor with the anti-unionists of southern California, who urged him to run for mayor of Los Angeles. He resigned his judgeship, and announced his candidacy. He was soundly defeated, though backed by the Los Angeles Times, the best-known anti-union newspaper in this country.

MATERNITY ACT ACCEPTED

The Vermont legislature recently accepted the provisions of the Sheppard-Towner maternity and infancy act. This brings the total number of states cooperating with the federal government under the act up to forty-two.

The six states that have not yet accepted this cooperation are Kansas, Illinois, Maine, Massachusetts, Connecticut and Rhode Island.—American Labor Legislation Review.

Look out for the Faker; he's abroad in the land; and when he shows up with his basket of "flowers", find out just who he pretends to represent and wire those of his constituents, and KNOW THE TRUTH. The Journal will render whatever assistance it can, when called upon.

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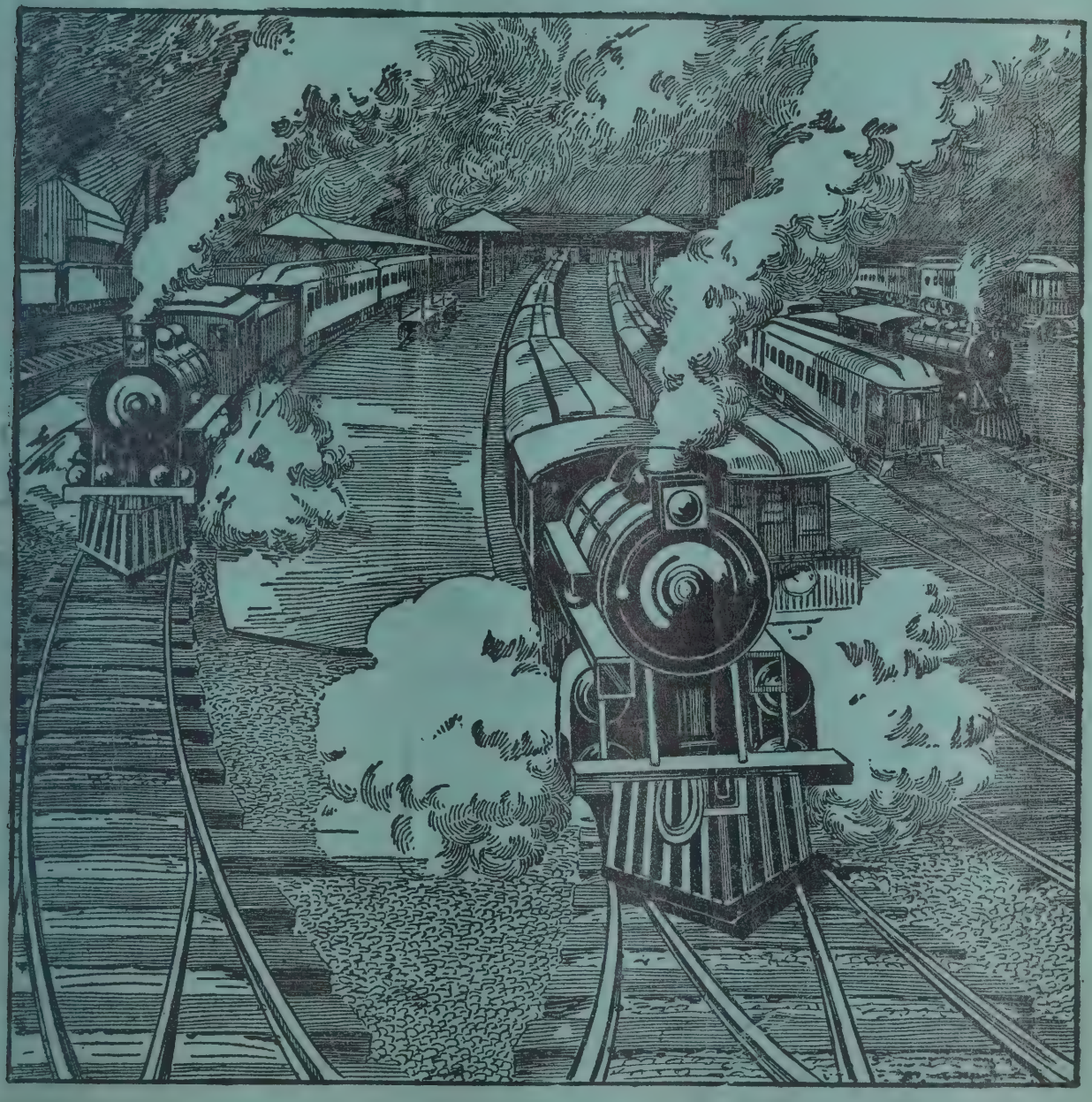

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IMPORTANT NOTICE.

Tygard Division 106, Ladies' Auxiliary to the Order Railway Conductors, will hold one meeting only each month during July and August, 1925, and which meetings will be held on the 4th Wednesday of each month, July 22nd and August 26th, at their hall, First and Throckmorton streets.

A COOPERATIVE LEGISLATIVE MOVE.

That's what the Journal has in mind and we hope to assist in the establishment of just such a movement in the Southwest, say for example, within the states of Colorado, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Arizona, Arkansas, Louisiana and Texas. A movement in which these states could confer, work out and put into actual practice uniform measures for the consideration of the law making bodies of these states, and carry on a cooperative system which would strengthen the efforts of organized labor in these states, and the influence of one or more of the states in enacting legislation would lend assistance to the other states concerned in the unity of legislative action. It is not impossible, but entirely possible, and will prove profitable. Write the Journal suggesting a plan outlining your ideas.

PASSING OF "CHIEF" STONE.

We can add little to what has been written and spoken of the untimely passing of Warren S. Stone, for many years the head of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, without repeating. Few men in the labor movement in this nation is entitled to the respect that he should receive for his constructive ideas put into practical force. And after all, that is what counts to humanity, after one takes care of his own future life, as Warren S. Stone had done. From his everyday associates come the blessed assurance that he lived the life of a good and sympathetic man-to-man, as well as to have given the best that was in him to the cause of his organization for the betterment of his class, and the history will establish the fact that no man in this nation has accomplished the things he has for his kind, the class who toil daily for the betterment of their generation, and the generations that follow.

The practical and sensible accomplishments inaugurated and maintained in the industrial and financial progress of the Locomotive Engineers is something of an illustration worth while, and the organization is to be sincerely congratulated in the fact that he was given a free hand, and not only now, after his passing, that he receives their approval of the course in the affairs of the organization, but during the troublesome and fateful days of his personal direction, their approval and commendation was always in evidence. He was one man, of few men, who had the pleasure of enjoying the "flowers" in earthly life at the hands of those to whom he so faithfully served for many years. Organized labor can well afford to put its hands to the task he has so ably started construction, and complete the work upon the solid and simple foundation prepared for it by his hands.

Let us keep straight forward on the highway he constructed for passage to the home beyond the grave, and the highway of life will be much more pleasant for the remainder of our earthly journey.

BOB LAFOLLETTE, DEAD.

The ONE man of his time who carries a record mor eneatly perfect to the grave than any other man who served in public life. We have many really great men in the present generation, but not one whose public life record will measure up with Robert Marion La Follette, not ONE. And if you will carefully read the eulogies of those really great men of today, you will find every one of them pronouncing that fact. There are some high up in public life who are so tarnally "silent" that they won't even come out and utter a word, but "sulk intheir tents." Those fellows are pitiably dishonest and La Follette WAS honest, and that's not too much to say of those who were his enemies, personal or political.

EDWIN F. LADD, DEAD

United States Senator Edwin F. Ladd, of North Dakota, is dead. Senator Ladd was an earnest friend to the people, and especially was he friendly to the farming class. He was a progressive of the La Follette type. He was an honest fighter, but a fighter who knew no quarter, either to give or to take. The people's loss in their national senate, by the death of Ladd and La Follette has served a severe blow, but little fear is felt in progressive circles, but the people of their states will send progressives to fill their places.

By reason of the unfortunate death of Warren S. Stone, several changes have been necessary in the official family of the Brotherhood Locomotive Engineers. The new and really important steps inaugurated by Mr. Stone will be carried out, no doubt, successfully and the Engineer's industrial, financial and fraternal affairs will go on to a satisfactory conclusion.

Be sure to do your own thinking.

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PARTNERSHIP DISSOLVED BY MUTUAL AGREEMENT.

The partnership between C. F. Goodridge and Joseph S. Myers, for the ownership of the Southwestern Railway Journal, entered into last January, is dissolved by mutual agreement, and C. F. Goodridge resumes the full ownership of that journal, and the Southwestern Railway Journal, published at Houston for the past five months, is transferred to Fort Worth, and the Journal heretofore published at Fort Worth, Volume 1, to number 5, will be discontinued, and all subscribers to either or both Journals will hereafter receive the Fort Worth Journal, Volume XIX, for the full time for which their subscription dates.

Mr. Myers retires from the staff of the Journal to enter other fields of endeavor, and the Journal's very best wishes go with him in whatever service he may engage.

C. F. GOODRIDGE,
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"ONE ROTTEN APPLE WILL SPOIL A WHOLE BARREL."

It does begin to look like every close associate of Hairy Daugherty is headed toward the scrap pile, and it only goes to show that the old saw, that "One rotten apple will spoil a whole barrel" is literally true. The latest victim is Federal Judge Ross, of Tennessee, he being tangled up with the failure of a bank in that state. Rascality will out, as well as murder, and they have been falling like ten pins since the retirement of Hairy to disgraceful private life. The public record of Daugherty and his associates was extremely disgraceful, and whatever may happen in their favor in the coming years, their consciences are seared to a crinkle, and the echo of their faithful service to graft will continue to prod them to their dying day.

"A WATER MELLON."

A .Water Melon is still pursuing his old plan of reduction in taxes, and hopes to relieve those who are of his class, first, and, perhaps, a few other deserving (?) fellow citizens later on. The nation is looking for reform in taxation—"equal" taxation—but not for the crippling of the system of our government to relieve any particular class, but a right down honest and an equitable system in which the entire people can be proud of, and which, if established and maintained, will punish no citizen, or class of citizens.

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REMINISCENT

Little Incdients in the Progress of the Successful Organization of The Railway Brotherhoods

In Which We Either Had a Personal Knowledge, or a Part in Them

IN TEXAS.

The following letter will explain why I came to Texas:

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Our train master wrote you, but received no reply. If you come down he will give you run. Answer.

Yours truly,
J. M. PHILLIPS, M. of T.

We arrived in Fort Worth the "Friday" night of the big fire in Galveston, and went direct to that city the next day, and viewed the result of that awful fire, which mowed a large strip through the city between the bay and the gulf. After the Sunday, I called on Mr. Phillips and was sent to Sealy to report to Trainmaster Helm, and was sent out to "learn the road," and making one trip between Sealy and Temple with Bob Connelly, on local, was given a crew in freight service between Sealy and Galveston.

The first five years in Texas were uneventful, and considerably checkered, for in those days (the good old days"?) there was but little independence of any railway employee, and therefore, I had from two to three positions of running train each year, the end of which, marked the beginning of real experiences in organization work, for be it known that following the convention of the Order Railway Conductors in 1892, at which time E. E. Clark was chosen Chief Conductor, the laws of the organization were changed so that the Order became a protective organization, and the fireworks started.

The beginning came early in the 90's, when the Trainmen and Conductors made a request for a contract with the Texas and Pacific, making them, each organization separately, and after quite a long drawn out controversy, in which we were called to Dallas from Longview, where we were employed by that road as yardmaster (acting also for the I. & G. N.), and ushered into the General Manager's office for an interview, the substance of which was: "We consider our yardmasters officials of this company, and the brakemen are here and have been for many days, and one of your employees in the yard at Longview is a member of that committee. Is that man's absence authorized by you, and if so, for how long, and will he be permitted to return to his position when he finally returns from here. And if a strike is the result of this controversy, what will be your position, as one of our officials?" To all of which we very respectfully replied: That we would continue our duties as in the past, and that if we were allowed to continue to employ our men, we would continue to be responsible for their acts, otherwise we would not be responsible for what might happen in the affairs of the yards at Longview; that the member of the committee had our permission to be absent, and would be allowed to resume his duties. We were directed to return to our duties, without comment from the manager.

The controversy between the management and the brakemen and conductors ended in the signing of a contract for employment, and conditions of service, which was quite an improvement over the old wages and conditions, and from time to time amended, changed and bettered, until the World War came to disturb conditions in all walks of life, and which caused some loss to the men of that company, because of an effort to nationalize wages and conditions.

In after years, after this original contract was enacted, we were charged with having been the author of the conductor's contract, and which had something to do with our leaving the

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service of that company, but that was not true, though did some typewriting for the committee, and possibly answered some questions, but the committee did their own work and were responsible for the contract, and, at least one man still with that company can testify to this fact. Just another case of careful and judicious work of the organization which brought them another victory, many of which have occurred in the years following.

In our August number we shall have another strike story, which will be of interest to the brotherhoods of, especially, Arkansas and Texas.

A FLYING TRIP TO THE MOUNTAINS.

In a covered wagon, motive power, we (the good wife and I) were chaperoned by kindred to Denver, Colorado, last month, using ten days on the trip. Pleasant and reasonably profitable, except some little disagreeable incidents which were difficult to have avoided, because of human weakness, mother hubbard tires and weather conditions. Speaking of mother hubbard tires, they can reach out and get more nails, plugs of wood and barb wire fence and staples, to allow the air to escape, than any type of tire we have ever meandered with through and over the highways of any state in the American Union. There were nine of us in the party, two covered wagons, one Cadillac and one Chrysler, the latter wore the mother hubbard tires. About 25 per cent of the time used in making the round trip was consumed in changing the tire dress of the Chrysler and waiting on the mechanic at the next town to repair the damage. The roads were good, and in one or two instances the rain was copious, and which made the punctures more interesting, because of the downpour while changing the mother hubbards.

We made stops at Childress, Texas; Raton, N. M.; and Colorado Springs, and spent two days in Denver. The mountains were cool and attractive to any one who had been slinging perspiration from his brow under the Texas sun.

At Raton, New Mexico, we enjoyed an interesting visit with Bro. C. A. Smith, who is chairman of the legislative committee of the Order Railway Conductors of that state, and who represents them before the legislative sessions at Santa Fe, New Mexico. In that state the brotherhoods have had fairly good success in their work, and are in a position to advise the membership of who's who in public life in that state.

We tarried at Pueblo, Colorado, and enjoyed a short visit with our young friend, J. M. Dean, a son of I. M. Dean, whom many of our readers know. He is employed at the Pueblo steel mills as engineer, and getting along fine.

At Denver, we called on Bro. F. D. Elliott, of Division 44, who wields the pencil for that Division and has an office in the Exchange Building. We "stood" him up, but got no lucre, though he is very liberal, generally, with those who are out of work and lookin' for a friendly boost. The legislative work in Colorado is progressing, and the spirit of cooperation enters into their work, and will, if followed earnestly, bring success. It requires eternal vigilance, with a full measure of strict honesty with the public, and with those in public office, that the necessity of the work be stamped upon the minds of the public, in order to insure results.

While wereceived much pleasure out of the trip, though quite short it was, the main purpose was to extend the circulation and usefulness of the Southwestern Railway Journal, and in that we received considerable encouragement, and will look forward with sincere expectations toward the service we feel sure the Journal can give the Southwest territory in real publicity for the legislative work of the Engine and Train brotherhoods of that territory, if given a chance to demonstrate, which we feel certain will be furnished when the proper evidence of its ability to carry the news is realized. The field is fertile, and no one can deny the fact that publicity is one of the main springs in the legislative fields of the entire country, and the circulation strong, will make the results sure, and we are making ready to give the work a thorough trial, with the idea, only, remember, of service, without any indication or purpose of dictation, but only to serve honestly and faithfully. Will you give us a fair trial?

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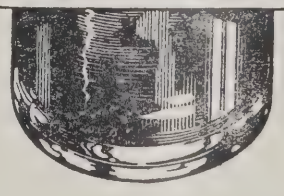

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A LAWN PARTY.

June the 18th, Tygard Division 106, Ladies' Auxiliary to the Order of Railway Conductors, entertained with a lawn fete at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Davis, 420 Conner Avenue. The lawn was well lighted and all kinds of amusement was afforded to all, even a ride to "Kool Kolorado." The Auxiliary is indebted to the Post-office Band for the excellent music given, and appreciated it very much.

Bright colored caps worn by all present, gala decorated booths over the lawn, from which were dispensed cold drinks, ice cream, etc., gave a real carnival spirit.

The success of this very enjoyable affair is due to the untiring efforts of the committee which served during the months of April, May and June, with Mrs. H. C. Dobbs as chairman.

KELLOG-CALLES.

It could very easily have been surmised just what Secretary of State Kellogg would say to President Calles, if one could have had the least insight to the subject matter for discussion. Ever since boy Kellogg left the farm for the service in public life, he has steadily maintained a strong friendship for the poor old capitalist, and anything that might interfere with that suffering individual would find a friendly feeling creeping through the arteries of the secretary. To discuss this question, however, one must have some information of the real inside affairs of what the difference might be, not what they are, and because of that one will be compelled to view the entire question from the personal surroundings of the parties in anger. Naturally, we'd take the side of the man who seems to us to stand for humanity rather than pecuniary benefit, and from that point of view, we are compelled to agree that Kellogg is the man in the controversy who is wrong, because, simply, his official record in public life justifies that reasoning. His friendship is not for man.

The difference between nations should be the same as those between individuals, and the rule of right, and not that of might, should prevail. The whole, or at least, the greater part of the national administration is friendly to capital, when the affairs of humanity interfere, as we judge, and we have the right to pass judgment in those matters, even though there is a possible chance of being in error, honestly expressed, is our right.

President Calles, from every direction which we have viewed him and his administration so far, appears to be in the direction of his people first, and the affairs of his country second, and with courage enough to stand by that regardless of consequences. The rule of the Mexican government, in past years, has been favorable to capital, and capital has, undoubtedly, operated to the detriment of the people of that country, and which must lend color to the idea that President Calles is attempting to bring about changes that will be of real benefit to the people, as well as judiciously handle the affairs of foreign capital.

Of course, the plan to reduce taxes by the "Silent One" will be appreciated by the public generally, but when the knife has been applied, and the smoke screen removed, the fellow who can best stand the tax burden will have been relieved, and the fellow who suffers the most will still be bearing the burden, or at least, it will be heavier than it should be.

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OUR EX-GOVERNOR IN "CHI."

Ex-Governor Neff's recent visit in Chicago, and the expressions to which he was credited by the newspapers, may or may not have been truths. Mr. Neff could well be placed in the Coolidge class, as general proposition, for he is silent on most all occasions. Like most, if not all humanity, he is possessed of considerable "self respect," we'll call it, in the absence of something better, and it may be that he gave expression which afterwards, in print, didn't read just like it sounded when said.

We'd scarcely credit the ex-governor with taking the responsibility of venturing the idea that he would get in the runnin' again next year, though the water might be found to be quite clear and warm, to his way of seeing.

Anyhow, we have not long to wait for the answer, as to who will enter the running for governor next year against Governor Ferguson, should she conclude to stand for re-election to a second term, an unbroken custom in this state.

The "silent" one in the white house (?) has concluded that rail rates must be increased in order that business (?) may be flourishing throughout the term. The rail managers have expressed, modestly (?) that rates ought to be raised.

ARE YOU IN FAVOR OF WORKLESS YOUTH?

The prize optimist is defined by J. G. Denious in the Dodge City (Kansas) Globe, as the guy who first suggested it would be necessary to amend the Constitution and pass a law to keep the boys and girls from working.

Parents, it must be admitted, fall down on their job pretty frequently these days. But if the old shingle is rotting from disuse at the hands of Ma and Pa, surely Congress won't help matters much by taking over the contract of responsibility.

Much of Congress and most of our loud-hollering high-hats are modernists, in that they belong to sentimental cults, isms and ologies out of harmony with homespun American traditions. They love to theorize on government, just as the old maids are almost invariably the highest authorities on marriage, and absent-minded psychologists are always the last word on bringing up children.

Child-labor restrictions are fine in the abstract, thinks John Jones. But if Jones wants his cow milked or the woodbox filled he'd be madder'n a hornet if some cross-eyed, cross-word puzzle artist from Washington should interpose a half-dozen injunctions, a few special court orders, and a sheriff's star between the woodbox and the chopping block and between the milk house and the cow barn. One is theory, the other is practice.

The Child-Labor Amendment is a red-hot issue. It will continue so to be until the folly of the proposition has turned upon the idea and reduced it to ashes of ridicule. In the sheer poison of its possible effect lies the element of its own destruction, just as the rattlesnake secrets within its own glands the venom of its own death.

There is a widespread propaganda extant, some of it ignorant, some of it deliberately vicious. It is to the effect that the fight against the Child-Labor Amendment is being sponsored chiefly by manufacturers with selfish ends in view. No charge could be more insulting to citizens who believe in principles of democracy.

Had the Child-Labor Amendment been in effct when Abe Lincoln was a boy our school books might contain no reference to rail-splitting. And had a dogmatic Congress had the same opportunity as proposed to prohibit useful labor of boys and girls under eighteen years of age, in the days of our fathers, domestic man might have turned wild indeed by this time.

The last thing in the world to use as an experimental laboratory is the home. There are no rights of children that are not now protected under American laws of long standing. Proper enforcement of those laws will take care of any real evils. And imaginary evils constitute no sufficient reason for the enactment of fantastic and dangerous constitutional legislation.

You've all heard the old reference to the wolf coming in sheep's clothing. The poor sheep that furnished the fleece with which to camouflage the brute beneath the placid countenance of the sheep were fangs meant to bite.

The moral is equally applicable to the present campaign in favor of workless youth.—Farm and Ranch.

The above from one of the strong farm papers of the South, is, to say the least, ridiculous and really silly argument. The proponents of the Child Labor Amendment realize outdoor labor, though many times really burdensome, does the child little or no harm, and the term "workless youth" is unfair and dishonest argument for any respectable newspaper or medium of any character to put out to the public. This character of propaganda is fostered by the manufacturer, assisted by his kind, who care nothing for the destruction of child life or human blood, just so the

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profits can be realized in greater and greater measure, as the years move by. We feel extremely kind and sympathetic to the writer who unconsciously carry this argument, but those who carry because of the purpose to defeat the amendment, then—well, we have no sympathy. The amendment will be adopted—in time—you need have no fear, and this character of propaganda is one of the things which will help, materially, to bring that result. Honest and sensible argument no one can object to, but ridicule never won an argument that was worth while.

Wisconsin, following the act of the Federal Trade Commission in threatening the farmers of that state with prosecution for boycotting substitutes for butter by the packing trust, have enacted a law preventing the further manufacture of such substitutes—and the farmer wins. But the people, the ordinary producer of real articles—like cow butter—in Wisconsin, generally, have won in that state. The late lamented Senator La Follette forged many of the reforms, and his memory will continue to bear witness for good, wholesome legislation in after years.

The Journal does not condemn the business class who unify, organize and vote sensibly and uniformly, but we claim the same right for the working people of this state, this nation, to do exactly this thing, and they will never succeed in the reforms to which they are justly entitled, until they follow the lead of the business class—organize and cast their ballots on all questions and for all men seeking public office, uniformly. Can YOU offer one sensible reason against this statement?

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POLITICAL UNITY.

Studying the life and history of Warren S. Stone, recently deceased, we can not refrain from writing of his political position. He was steadfastly a progressive, and had the courage to denounce political disloyalty by the old parties to the people, and had organized labor followed the plans offered by Mr. Stone and his associates, it would be far beyond its present influence today in political action. We are prone to recognize the "greatest good to the greatest number," the very policy offered in the recent years of trial and of loss in affluence of these great and good organizations.

Now that Warren Stone is gone from his earthly usefulness, shall we fail to benefit by his advice and counsel during his life time? Is it not plain to YOU, that nothing short of his position will bring organized labor reforms so badly in need of? One cannot deny the rule of cooperation—in any and all things, with any and all peoples, a nation of peoples, or a mere class of people. Cooperation politically IS imperative to the great people of organized labor. Of course, Warren Stone made mistakes. He was human, but his mistakes may be forgotten, they should be forgotten, and his advice and counsel adhered to, and followed, that it may brings relief to our people.

UNIFORM COOPERATION.

The Journal has, since its creation, occupied the position of uniform cooperation in legislative affairs of the four train and engine brotherhoods, and have not permitted any differences between those forces to sway it in the least, and have occupied the sincere intention to build and not tear down. This policy has been strictly followed, though many times in its career there have been strong dissention from some of the Journal's very best friends, but we have consistently held to the policy of uniform cooperation, let come what may between any of those brotherhoods, for our membership has given us enough experience to know that whatever differences may arise between those brotherhoods, good judgment and sincerity will finally prevail and the cooperation again follow, and so we have never yet had to recede from our position or policy in holding steadfastly to rule of "reason," and which, we feel, is an honest manner in the conduct of a paper that pretends to represent the things for which organized labor stands, especially and particularly, those of the railroad brotherhoods in train and engine service.

And now, in our investigating a legislative field in which these brotherhoods are operating in the southwest, we find in them just what we have gone through in Texas, and in which we find differences, by reading over the legisuative reports of these states of the southwest, and fully realize such differences are merely honest differences, and which will soon be adjusted by the usual procedure of these brotherhoods, sincere thought and action toward each other in these affairs all of which are so vitally important to all of them. We know the Journal has had a beneficial effect in staying away from every controversy between any of them, and having followed the rule of being fair to all the real principles, allowing personalities to be unnoticed, it has been the means of an influence toward the path of right in all real efforts, looking neither to the right nor to the left, but straight ahead, found that many little petty differences have been healed by its advice to forget any selfishness of any man and follow closely the real things, even though you may be satisfied of being right. An argument in haste and anger never brings a decision that will last, but only broadens the breach between you, and takes longer to heal the wound. If we first be honest with ourselves, then we'll be honest with each other, and nothing but uniform cooperation will result, and absolute success will come to us in any and all things for which we strive, if this spirit prevails with us. Organize, cooperate, succeed.

OLD AGE PROTECTION.

Relative to the care of old aged membership and their families, the Order Railway Conductors at their recent national convention promulgated the plan of a universal home for the aged and disabled, and the membership is asked to contribute liberally to this fund. The success, or rather, perhaps, we should say, the benefit derived from such institutions, hearten every fraternal organization to build for the future earthly protection against the unwelcome ravages of poverty during old age.

We are strongly in favor of protection, and will join in this movement with hearty accord, though we are not certain that is the correct plan for such protection. The pension plan in our judgment is much the best and the cheapest to the membership, but protection must be had, and as this plan is the decision of the majority in national convention, we agree, and accept it, and shall aid in any way that it may be possible, considering our ability to lend assistance to the work.

"The strongest bond of human sympathy outside the family relation should be one uniting all working people of all nations, tongues and kindreds."—Abraham Lincoln.

RULE OF THE CONTRACT.

Railway organizations that maintain employment contracts with the railway management have been able to write into those contracts some very valuable and wholesome provisions, and the time was, you will remember, when no other line of action, either by the employee in seeking or the employer in opposing, but the contract or working agreement. But times changed, when the hour arrived that the employee was in possession of information sufficient to drive his contract to a success, the employer sought the legislative halls of the state and the nation, and sought relief through legislation that would entirely destroy the friendly argument of right and wrong, and which forced the employee to meet the employer—not in the office, but in the legislative halls and defend his position on matters of employment conditions and wages to be paid. There is now a distinction being drawn (without a difference) and just what is proper subjects of legislation and what of contract agreements between employer and employee? If the distinction is to be drawn, then when that which is proper for contract agreement fails, then what? And they will fail, some of them. because, in some instances, just for the reason that they have been agreed to belong to the contract agreement, but the door to the legislative halls have been closed—by, perhaps, only a "gentleman's agreement."

Safety to life and ilmb is, ought to be, proper subjects for legislation or contract agreement, but in the event the one fails, then resort to the other should be admissible. Many of the questions concerning contract agreements have been settled, finally, by legislation, and if we separate them then the fields are distinct and must be respected under any and all conditions and circumstances surrounding. The rule should be left to the organization, both fields be left open for use as conditions might suggest, and when reforms can not be reached agreement, then by legislation, when it is important to the protection of life and limb. We advise strict careferlarity in the process of separation, remembering a reform that is good should result by any legitimate manner of procedure, if not by agreement, then by legislation; if not by legislation, then by any manner of means that is law-abiding and reasonable—even the extreme action that has been the rule in past differences between employer and employee in the dangerous occupations.

Be careful about an iron clad rule that might work real injury to many men in dangerous occupations. A reform that is fair, just and necessary is worth any effort that bring the result of putting it into operation, and we are rather careful to not make a mistake in the plan of action, but rather that action will result in the reform, no matter what it be, if lawful, not especially, if it be ruleful, for law exceeds rule, and should.

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PUBLIC MISLED BY REPORTS OF COAL MINE DISASTERS

New York, June.—Criticism is being heard here both inside and outside of labor circles of the practice of reporting fatal coal mine explosions so as to give the public a false impression that the miners are chiefly to blame.

News dispatches of two recent disasters are cited as showing how the dead miners, rather than the mine operators, are put before the public in an unfavorable light.

The headline in the New York Times over a story of the Coal Glen, North Carolina, explosni May 27, in which fifty-nine miners were killed, read "Nrth Carolina Explosion Attributed to Smoking by Workers." It was based on this item in a news dispatch of May 30:

"Smoking in the mine, a practice forbidden by the owners, may have been the cause of the explosion, according to a revelation made by Dr. John L. Scott, Sanford physician in charge of the temporary morgue. He told government experts that he had found matches in the pockets of several of the victims."

But an Associated Press dispatch of the same date from Coal Glen, as printed in the New Born (N. C.) Sun-Journau, reported that "mine experts declared that there was no certainty that smoking was the cause of the explosion. Any one of a number of causes may have resulted in the explosion, the experts said. In this opinion experts of the federal bureau of mines unofficially concurred."

A Report That Fell Flat.

Commenting upon the coal dust explosion a few weeks earlier at Barrackville, West Virginia, in which thirty-three miners met death, the American Labor Legislation Review says:

"No verdict was returned by the coroner's jury since it got no evidence as to the cause of the initial explosion which set the coal dust into action.

"In this connection criticism may be made of the misleading reports that were given to the public when this explosion occurred. The Barrackville mine is non-union; it is heavily barricaded and patrolled. One investigator declared that a three-day old chick could not get through. Immediately after the explosion four miners were siezed and held 'on suspision' so that the first impression the people of the United States got was that expressed in the headlines 'Arrest Four Miners in Mine Explosion—Police Act on Report of Bombing.'

"The only basis for this action was the chance statement of two oil drillers who thought they smelled a 'sickly sweet' odor similar to the fumes of nitroglycerin. It was later shown that those men had never before smelled the afterdamp of a coal mine explosion.

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terous.' Chief Engineer Rice of the bureau of mines testified that the explosion, far from starting at the shaft, originated at least a thousand feet in the interior of the mine.

"The bombing report fell flat and the four miners were subsequently released. But for days the public was in doubt. There may still be large numbers who are saying 'another labor outrage,' rather than 'another coal dust explosion.'

"The prevention of needless coal mine accidents depends upon public opinion. What is to be said of reports that, designedly or otherwise, tend to color public opinion in a matter where human lives are at stake?"

Coal Age, a magazine of the industry, in reporting the Barrackville disaster, was careful to state that "little credence" was given to the bombing rumor.

The American Association for labor legislation states that practically all major disasters in bituminous mines are due to coal dust explosions and that they are needless. They can be prevented by spriukling the underground walls and passageways with rock dust which, when laid over the coal dust, makes a mixture that is non-explosive. This effective safety measure costs less than one cent a ton of coal mined. The responsibility for installing it is not up to the miners but to the mine owners.

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TAKE THEMSELVES TOO SERIOUSLY.

The State Bar Association in their recent annual convention at Austin, discussed the question of the lawyers being permitted to elect by primary vote every court judge, even to the justices of the peace. Now, that is quite an advanced idea. Because a man MUST be a practicing lawyer in order to hold the position of judge, we don't think would entitle the lawyers to select all our judges. Our courts right now are floundering under the procedure, every nail in which has been driven by the lawyers, and the lawyers are floundering into still deeper water, apparently, trying to correct the evils and delays in our present system of court procedure. Primary for selecting judges? How many of the lawyers in Texas are in favor of judges being elected by primary of the present system? We'd guess the most of them favor the old convention system.

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Cost of transporting farm products from te dock at Jersey City to the retail store in Manhattan are ten times as great as freight costs from the farm to Jersey City. This astonishing conclusion has been reached by a High Cost of Living commission investigating food prices in New York City. Roughly, half the difference between what the farmer gets for his produce and what the consumer pays is distributive cost. The whole plan for direct marketing hinges upon the elimination of the heavy toll.

The Farm-Labor Union of Texas has just concluded bonding arrangements with two consumers' wholesales in Chicago and St. Louis to cut out the root of the high price evil by suppressing expensive distribution expenses. The Farm-Labor Exchange of Chicago, 179 West Washington St. and the Farm-Labor Exchange of 10 Arcade Building, St. Louis, are the two agencies which are handling shipments direct from the farms of Texas, giving the producers a higher price than they would receive from the regular middle men, while assuring big savings to customers. Three million families can be reached ultimately through these exchanges, or enough people to consume al the table products which Texas can raise.—Co-op. News Service.

The public is coming to better understand the differences between employer and employee, and is taking the side of the workers, and will, in the end right the wrongs done humanity, as in favor of the dollar.

All right, tie on your bonnet, sit steady in the boat, and the contest will end in favor of right, finally, even though the sacrifices may be almost unbearable. The sun will shine brighter after the clouds are gone.

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Gross operating revenue for the roads in April totaled $370,623, 400, a decrease of $1,735,600 from April 1924, but the increase in net income was made possible through a reduction of $7,203,500 in operating expenses, which totaled $370,623,400.—Labor.

SOUTHERN STATE

Birmingham, Ala., June 13.—Trade unionists are demanding that the shameful convict labor system in this state be ended, and that prisoners build badly-needed roads.

As a result of long agitation the system of leasing convicts to private corporations was abandoned, but the state continues this practice. The protestors declare that there is no difference between employing convicts in a state-controlled mine and a private-owned mine. This caling, dangerous to skilled miners, is doubly dangerous to the convicts who have had no previous experience.

10 PER CENT SAVING LOOKS GOOD IN TEXAS

Texas farmers have been receiving real education in the value of cooperation through the consumers' stores which dot the Lone Star State. Some of these little Texas towns which are nothing more than farmers' hamlets, rarely heard of outside a radius of 100 miles, do busintss in sums which would move the heart of a banker.

Take Hughes Springs, for instance, The odds are a million to one that you have never heard of it. Nevertheless, the little farmers' cooperative store there did a business of $100,000 in six months.

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Hill is more than right, for 6 per cent is considered a good investment, not counting the incalculable advantages of closer social contact and of training in the art of working together which these Hughes Springs farmers are getting out of their store. They are taking the first long strides in the march which shall eventually bring mankind into a world in which service and not profit-taking shall be the slogan of the cooperators who do the world's business.—Co-op News Service.

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HOUSTON PERSONALS

General Chairman T. J. Pledge of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, Southern Pacific Lines, with offices in the Brazos Hotel, has returned from a trip over the line visiting the divisions.

Secretary Walter Korff of Lodge No. 697, Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, has recovered from an injury received some weeks ago and is back at his desk in the County Tax Assessor's Office.

Division No. 7, Order of Railway Conductors, has changed its meeting place. The division now meets at 910½ Preston Street, Mondays, 2:00 P. M. J. M. Casey is Chief Conductor, and J. M. Ramsey, Secretary.

L. A. Weiss, President of Lodge No. 145, Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, and Mrs. Weiss, have returned from a visit to Cleveland, Ohio.

Houston Lodge No. 506, Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen, has for some time been holding its meetings at 910½ Preston Street, Mondays, 8.00 P. M. For the convenience of the members the lodge now meets at the W. O. W. Hall, 2202 North Main Street, Wednesdays, 8:00 P. M. J. C. Walker is President, J. C. Wiliams, Recording Secretary, and H. D. Yeingst, Financial Secretary.

T. C. Montgomery, Chairman General Greivance Committee, Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, Southern Pacific Lines, with offices in the Keystone Building, has returned from attendin gthe convention of his organization in Cleveland, Ohio.

The folowing Houston railroad people are attending the convention of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginmen at Detroit, Michigan: Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Alvord; Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Strange; Mr. and Mrs. George L. Edwards; Mr. and Mrs E. M. Huser; Mrs. Daisy Otis, and Mr. T. J.Montgomery.

Passenger Engineer Arthur Del Homme has been with the Southern Pacific since 1881, and has never had but the one employer. His membership in the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers began thirty-nine years ago, when he joined Division No. 366. He will soon be entitled to a forty year gold button. Houston has always been his home, and the great railroad system employing him his hobby.

DEATH STRIKES THREE COOPERATIVE LEADERS

The American cooperative movement lost heavily in outstanding advocates through the death within the past month of President Warren S. Stone of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, Senator Robert M. LaFollette of Wisconsin and Senator Edwin F. Ladd of North Dakota. All three had preached the gospel of cooperation with earnest and inspired voices, President Stone directing his message particularly to trade unionsists through cooperative banking while the late senators were untiring champions of cooperation among farmers. The practical importance of closer ties between organized workers was stressed by each of these Progressives.

President Stone was treasurer of the All American Cooperative Commission

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and one of its founders in 1919. Through his interest in the movement and his familiarity with European labor banking procedure, he led the movement in this country which has resulted in placing labor cooperative banks in nearly every large industrial center. Doubly tragic was his death a few days before the dedication of the magnificent $5,000,000 building of the Cleveland Cooperative National Bank, which his enthusiasm in cooperation and his far-visioned leadership had made possible.

Senator Ladd while head of the North Dakota Agricultural College never wearied in emphasizing the importance of farmers' cooperating and of cooperative banking, and he carried his message to a national audience when he was elected to the Senate. Robert M. LaFollette, in the columns of LaFollett's Magazine, laid special emphasis on the vital necessity for producers' and consumers' cooperatives, and made frequent use of the Cooperative News Service to drive home his point to his vast audience of Wisconsin farmers.

Although it will be difficult for other men to fill the place in the cooperative movement left vacant by the deaths of this distinguished trio, yet their work must be carried on to its ultimate goal—the construction of a cooperative economic order. President Stone and Senators LaFollette and Ladd laid the cornerstone of cooperation deep in the American farm and banking movements, and it is left to their successors but to complete the structure so well planned.—Co-op,News Service.

RAILROAD OFFICIAL MAKES LABOR SPEECH

Denver, Colo.—A railroad official made the best labor speech Edward Keating ever heard, according to the former congressman and present editor of Labor. Mr. Keating is visiting in this city. He was tendered a testimonial dinner by friends, and in discussing the labor movement, said:

'The best labor speech I ever knew about was made by an official of the New York Central. That road had just settled with its engine employes, but it was fighting a similar settlement with its clerks. The official was asked why.

"The enginemen can tie us up. We had to settle with them,' he said.

"There is your answer," concluded Mr. Keating. "Industrial peace will come when you have the power to bring about bargaining instead of inviting attack.

"I am getting more and more to see that the solution of all our difficulties is in that old slogan, '100 per cent organization.' When we are organized all else will be added unto us."

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Well, what else could you call it, when two colored gentlemen, members of the Illinois legislature, recently voted for an anti-injunction bill, and by which it will, it is hoped, become law. Organized labor advocated the bill, and colored men urged these two votes, and they were cast for the working people of that state. We'd rather have the white man's vote, but the colored man in authority has the same result for good, or bad, as the case may be. It is quite apparent that labor of Illinois are satisfied with the law, though it is not as strong as they may have wished; it will carry some protection, and in coming sessions, they may be able to strengthen it, possibly, by the votes of white men; if not, then the colored men may have the honor again.

And now comes the reorganized Federal Trade Commission, after having been directed by the silent one, and gets after the farmers of Wisconsin, because they are about to boycott the unhealthy substitutes for butter—and, apparently, only because it would hurt the poor old packers, the friends of Calvin—at the polls. The commission has been rehabilitated by adding, especially, one of the old reactionaries. But the work continues, and only recently Sir Calvin appointed on the Attorney General's staff another beloved corporation agent, Bill Mitchell, who has served railroads, etc., for the past twenty-five years, or more. You cawn't beat it.

FOOD LAW VIOLATED; PEOPLE ARE DRUGGED

Washington, June 13.—Enforcement of the pure food law has been made ineffective by manufacturers of adulterated foodstuffs, according to Dr. Harvey W. Wiley, former chief of the bureau of chemestry.

In a conference with the secretary of President Coolidge, Dr. Wiley declared that the law has been paralyzed by a series of executive orders issued by various secretaries of agriculture.

The law is inoperative, Dr. Wiley said, because most of the preservatives and adulterating materials—such as benzoate of soda, slum, dioxide, sulphite and bleached flour—are used in preparing ready-to-serve foods. He urged that the president investigate his charges.

Dr. Wiley was chief of the bureau of chemistry when the pure food act was passed in 1906. His office holding was marked by continuous controversy with food manufacturers.

LOS ANGELES LABOR BANK GETS NATIONAL CHARTER

The People's Bank and Trust Company, Los Angeles' labor bank, has expanded so rapidly in the short space of its 13 months' life that application for a national bank charter has been granted, raising the institution to the level of a federal banking institution, and giving it a share in the federal reserve system. The People's National Bank, as it will now be known, has resources near the $3,000,000 mark, and owes its origin to progressive members of the railroad brotherhoods in Southern California.—Co-op. News Service.

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In June 1923, the Telegraphers' National Bank threw open its doors and amazed the Missouri metropolis by acquiring deposits of $1,316,000 on its first day. At the end of 1924 the sum entrusted to its care had leaped to $4,248,000. Since then $857,000 has been added, bringing total deposits well over $5,000,000.

The soundness of this bank, quite unlike that of privately owned institutions, is assured not only by its capital and surplus but by the good will and good faith of 70,000 railroad telegraphers in every part of the United States and Canada. The confidence of the people of St. Louis is that intangible asset is plainly indicated by the astonishing growth of this labor bank, a record which is being repeated by other banks owned by labor all the way across the continent from Boston, Mass., to Portland, Oregon.—Co-op. News Service.

RAIL LABOR BOARD WRECKED BY COURT

Washington, June 13.—The railroad labor board has lost its fight to compel workers to appear before it in wage disputes. The board has attempted to interfere in a wage movement that western transportation employes were attempting to nogociate with carriers in that section. The railroad labor board ordered the workers' representatives to appear before it. They refused, and the board asked Federal Judge Wilkerson, who issued Daugherty's injunction, for an order compeling the employes to obey its command. As was expected, Judge Wilkerson signed the order, which was imediately appealed to the United States supreme court.

In a unanimous opinion the court reversed the Wilkerson order and the railroad board has received its hardest blow in a campaign to make its rulings compulsory on the workers.

"The interstate commerce commission, which, throughout 38 years has dealt in many different ways with most of the railroads of the United States, has never exercised or asserted or sought to secure for itself such broad powers," said Judge Brandeis, who delivered the opinion of the court.

DROWSY DAWES CALLED "HYSTERICAL WOMAN"

Washington, June 13.—Things have been breaking badly for Vice President Dawes since his arrival in the nation's capital. Now he is called a "hysterical woman."

As head of the "Minute Men' he was pictured as a two-fisted, eat-'em-alive fighter. This press agent picture was shattered ,however, when he took an afternoon nap in his hotel and the administration lost its fight in the senate to secure indorsement of Charles B. Warren as attorney general. The vote was a tie. If Dawes were in the senate, performing his duty, Warren would win.

Washington is still laughing over Dawes' costly snooze. The "Minute Men's" chief has had equally poor success in his campaign to amend the senate rules. Immediately on taking the oath of office, he bounded into the limelight with a demand that the senate rules be changed. This is "old stuff" to senators, several of whom actually laughed as the new vice-president continued his table-pounding tale. Undaunted at his failure to awe the senate, he carried his fight to the country, but opposition increases.

It is whispered that Dawes did not inform administration leaders of his plan, and this force, first silent, now openly opposes him. Senator Butler is quoted in the public press that he does not believe changes in the senate rules wil feature the next campaign. Senator Moses of New Hampshire, another administration senator, has been making speeches against the Dawes plan, and Senator Wadsworth, also prominent in administration councils, has declared that the Dawes plan would result in a flood tide of new laws that could be rushed through the senate without consideration.

Senator King of Utah, a leading member of the minority party, heaves the final brick at the heroic "Minute Man," who is declared to be a "hysterical woman."

WRITE HOME

From San Antonio

My husband being financial secretary of Davy Crockett Lodge No. 145 B. of L. F. & E., gives me an opportunity to meet the brothers and in their welfare. Having had a letter needless to say I am always interested from a mother in regards to her careless son I want to try and reach some through the columns of the Jounral.

There comes a time to all and that is eventide, when our work is ended and our thoughts revert back to our old home and to father and mother.

A picture comes before us of Dad smoking his pipe in the quiet evening, and Mother with folded hands, and we wish we had not strayed so far from home and that we were now a little nearer Especially in sickness for we miss the loving hands about us, for there is no one like Mother, all else will fail, but no, not Mother. Although your work has called you from home you can comfort and cheer the hearts of both father and mother. So I ask you brothers to wake up from that careless habit you have fallen into and write that letter home. A few verses by Eliza Cook will further convey you my thoughts and more fully my object in writing this article.

"Long parting from the hearts we love
Will shadow o'er the brightest face,
And happpy they who part and prove
Affection changes not with place.

The pressing hand, the steadfast sigh
Are both less earnest than the boon
Which fervently, the last found sigh
Begs in the hopeful words, "Write soon!"

"Write soon!" Oh sweet request of truth!
How tenderly its accents come!
We hear it first, in early youth
When mothers watched us leaving home.

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